



## UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

*a monthly newsletter for the community*

### July: Investing in our Youth

*Supporting Students Beyond the classroom*



As we reach the mid point of summer, the new school year looms. For some its exciting to see friends, meet new teachers or maybe start in a new school. For others it creates anxiety. Am I going to fit in? Do I have the right supplies? How am I going to make new friends?

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### INSPIRING YOUTH

JULY 2025

This month let's show our support for our local agencies that work hard to ensure students are set up for not only academic success but social success as well. **Kennett After the Bell** and **The Garage Youth Center** empower middle and high school students to succeed in and out of school.



*Make a donation today to support programs aimed at inspiring middle and high school students.*

[Invest in Our Community's Youth](#)

## A Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

Each summer brings a sense of fresh starts—new



goals, new energy, and a renewed opportunity to shape the future of our community. As students prepare for the upcoming school year, we are reminded that success in the classroom and in life begins long before the first bell rings.

At United Way of Southern Chester County, we are **proud to support** two incredible partner agencies that are transforming the lives of local youth: **The Garage Community & Youth Center and After-The-Bell at Kennett Middle School**. These organizations provide more than after-school programs—they offer mentorship, guidance, academic support, leadership development, and a safe space for teens to grow into

confident, capable adults.

The reality is that many **young people in our region face significant barriers**—economic challenges, language barriers, limited access to enrichment opportunities—that make the path to success harder. But when the community comes together to invest in programs like The Garage and After-The-Bell, we build more than individual potential—we build a stronger, more stable Southern Chester County for everyone.

**Empowering youth is one of the most impactful investments we can make.** These kids are not just our future—they are our present. They are the ones who will shape the businesses, neighborhoods, and leadership of tomorrow. That's why we need you—your voice, your advocacy, your support.

**Let's stand together** to ensure that every child in our community feels seen, supported, and set up to succeed.

With gratitude,  
Darcie Martin  
Chief Executive Officer  
United Way of Southern Chester County

## Cheers to 80 Years!



### Cheers to 80 Years of Impact!

United Way of Southern Chester County is celebrating 80 years of serving the Southern Chester County community—and we're toasting this incredible milestone all summer long!

Make a gift in honor of 80 years of local impact. Whether it's \$80, \$800, or \$8,000, your donation supports programs that move struggling neighbors from crisis to independence—right here in our community.

*Let's raise a glass to 80 years of caring, collaboration, and change!*

Make your celebratory gift today [HERE](#)  
or text 80FOR80 to 44-321

## In the CommUNITY



### Empowering the Next Generation: The Garage Youth and Community Center

At United Way of Southern Chester County (UWSCC), we believe that investing in young people today builds the foundation for a stronger, more resilient community tomorrow. That's why, as part of our commitment to youth development, **we are proud to spotlight one of our trusted partner agencies: The Garage Youth and Community Center**—a place where students not only find academic support and mentorship, but also discover belonging, purpose, and the skills they need to thrive.

[Read More](#)

### Inspiring Students to Thrive: Kennett After-The-Bell in Focus

As we celebrate July's theme of Empowering Our Youth for Success, United Way of Southern Chester County is **proud to showcase Kennett After-The-Bell**, a dynamic, free after-school program that opens new doors for middle school students in the Kennett Consolidated School District (KCSD). Serving pro-social, academic, and enrichment needs, this program exemplifies how targeted investment can create lasting positive impact.

[Read More](#)

## Diaper Drive Update



### Diaper Drive Update

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, **we collected over 45 units of diapers and wipes**, along with infant pajamas, towels, bottles, pacifiers, crib sheets, and blankets during our recent drive.

These essential items will go directly to families in need—providing comfort, care, and relief during a critical time. We are so grateful for a community that continues to show up and make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

**Thank you for being part of the change!**

# CommUNITY Calendar

July

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## Parents Cafe: Playing Outside

*Wednesday, July 9 from 5:00-8:00pm  
Avon Grove Library, 117 Rosehill Ave, West Grove*

Hosted by Maternal Child Health Consortium (MCHC). Equip yourself with the knowledge and skills needed to foster a positive and enriching environment. Parents Café covers a range of topics, including early literacy, social-emotional development, and effective parenting strategies.

More Information: <https://ccmchc.org/>

July

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## Deepen Your Understanding: Bridges Out Of Poverty Book Club

*Friday July 11, 11:00a-12:30p  
Market at Liberty Place, 148 W. State Street, Kennett.*

Hosted by KACS. Calling all Bridges Out of Poverty workshop alumni! Want to keep the momentum going and explore the material even further? Join our first ever Bridges Out of Poverty book club!

Starting July 11th, we'll gather every 2nd and 4th Friday from 11:00am-12:30pm. Each session will cover a different chapter from the Individual Lens section of the *Bridges Out of Poverty* textbook.

Use this link to find out more: <https://unitedwayscc.org/event-info/237>

July

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## Constellation Energy Intern Day of Caring

*Tuesday, June 29 9:00am-12:00pm*

40–50 interns from across three regional sites will work with seven UWSCC partner agencies in a powerful show of service, giving back through hands-on volunteerism and deepening their understanding of community needs

August

17-23

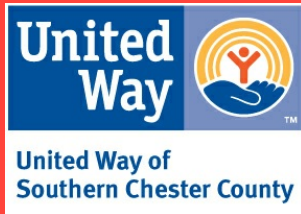
## Medical Volunteers Needed for Camp Dreamcatcher

*Sunday, August 17 through Saturday, August 23*

Camp Dreamcatcher is looking for full or part time volunteers to care for campers during the week of August 17-23, at Camp saginaw in Oxford, PA. Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, EMTs are welcome.

[More info here.](#)

*For a comprehensive list of all upcoming Community events,  
please visit the **events calendar** on our website.*



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