



UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

a monthly newsletter for the community

March: Nourishing Our Community

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope – Food insecurity is a growing challenge in Southern Chester County, but together, we can make a difference. Join us on March 25 (6:30-8 PM at Kennett Library) for Conversations for Compassionate Change: Food Access & Insecurity, where we'll discuss real solutions with local experts. Learn more and take action today!



Create a Healthier Community

A Message from the CEO

Dear Neighbors,

Food insecurity is rising in Southern Chester County, affecting more families, seniors, and individuals than ever before. At United Way of Southern Chester County,



we believe that no one should have to choose between paying for basic needs and putting food on the table. That's why **we invest in critical programs that provide direct food assistance**, including Meals on Wheels of Chester County, Kennett Area Community Services (KACS), SILO, Mighty Writers' food pantry, and Oxford Area Neighborhood Services Center (OANSC). Last year alone, **we allocated nearly \$100,000 to these five programs** to ensure our neighbors have access to nutritious meals.

This month, we invite you to be part of the solution. **On March 25, from 6:30-8 PM at Kennett Library, we are hosting Conversations for Compassionate Change:**

Food Access & Insecurity—a discussion with local agencies working on the frontlines of hunger relief. We encourage you to attend and learn how we can fight hunger and feed hope together.

We also encourage you to **take action by donating food to a local food cupboard or organizing a food drive** to support one of these critical programs. Every meal provided helps a neighbor in need.

Your support fuels the programs that provide meals, groceries, and food security to our community. Let's work together to make sure no one in Southern Chester County goes hungry.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

Sincerely,
Darcie Martin
CEO, United Way of Southern Chester County

In the CommUNITY



Meals on Wheels of Chester County: Nourishing Seniors Beyond the Plate

In Chester County, a dedicated nonprofit organization is making a significant impact on the lives of homebound seniors. Meals on Wheels of Chester



LIVE BETTER with The Kennett Library

Kennett Library continues to bring its "Live Better" health literacy program to the community. With monthly themes promoting access to health-based information that is free for ALL, these informational activities are run through the

County (MOWCC) delivers approximately 800 meals every weekday to seniors and individuals unable to prepare meals due to illness or disability.

Beyond providing nutritious meals, MOWCC offers essential personal interaction, helping clients live independently in their own homes. Volunteers not only deliver meals but also offer companionship and a safety check, ensuring that our vulnerable senior population receives the social interaction they might otherwise lack.

[Read More](#)

library with the collaboration of many non-profit and professional agencies in Chester County.

Join UWSCC for its Conversation for Compassionate Change centered on Food Access. Together, community members and non-profit agencies will have a discussion on food access and food insecurity issues facing our community, what non-profit agencies are doing to address this issue, and the effect food insecurity has on general nutrition in the population that experiences food access limitations.

[More Information about Live Better Programs](#)



The Wardrobe Volunteer Day Wrap Up

Last week, nine amazing volunteers joined us at The Wardrobe for a hands-on volunteer day! Working in pairs, they helped curate Wardrobe Boxes, a program funded by UWSCC, to provide clothing for individuals in need. Each team received a client profile and carefully selected six items of clothing, plus shoes and accessories, ensuring each recipient gets outfits that fit their style, size, and needs.

A huge THANK YOU to our volunteers for making a difference—one outfit at a time!

Together, we're supporting our neighbors.

CALL FOR RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS

A great way to make a positive impact for your community is to be a Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) Volunteer. In the event a neighbor is displaced from their home, Red Cross DAT Volunteers provide immediate assistance to those affected. Red Cross DAT Volunteers also allow for shelter sites to be activated quicker while providing comfort and basic needs to those who are impacted.



In the Borough, the YMCA is a great partner and a designated location for when Kennett Square residents need shelter in an emergency. Having residents as Red Cross DAT Volunteers to help staff shelter sites is integral to this effort. If you are a

calm and compassionate person, this is a great opportunity to give back to your community. You can fill-out a Red Cross Volunteer application [here](#).

All training is paid for by the Red Cross. More information about our local Red Cross Chapter (American Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania) can be found [here](#).

CommUNITY Calendar

March

8

Young Moms Cultivate Brunch

Saturday, March 8, 10:30a
Brunch and Silent Auction

[Information here.](#)

March

20

Live Better and KACS Screening of "Food and Country"

Thursday, March 20, 6:30-8:30 i
Kennett Library Auditorium

Writer Ruth Reichl reaches out across political and social divides to uncover the country's broken food system and the innovators risking it all to transform it.

[Registration required.](#)

March

22

Volunteer Fair: Meet Your People

Saturday, March 22, 10a-2p
Kennett Library

The day will feature many nonprofit organizations from all over Chester County, ready to answer any questions and recruit volunteers.

March

25

Conversations for Compassionate Change: Food Access in Southern Chester County

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30-8:00
Kennett Library Auditorium

Join community members and non-profit agencies for a discussion on food access and food insecurity issues facing our community, what non-profit agencies are doing to address this issue, and the effect food insecurity has on general nutrition in the population that experiences food access limitations.

For a comprehensive list of all upcoming Community events,
please visit the [events calendar](#) on our website.



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