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UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

a monthly newsletter for the community

A Message from the CEO



Dear Friends,

When I am out in the community, I often hear people say, 'Darcie I do not see people on the streets and in need.' What many don't realize is our ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households are hard at work, often with two jobs, to keep up with the rising cost of living. While their income is above the Federal Poverty Level, it's still not enough to cover the essentials.

In Chester County, 3 out of 10 households are struggling. And it's not just certain jobs. Across our state, more than one third of workers in the 20 most common jobs – cashiers, cooks, janitors, delivery drivers – live in households that can't afford the basics and are forced to make sacrifices just to get breakfast and other meals on the table.

That's why we do what we do at United Way of Southern Chester County. Our mission is to help ALICE families gain financial stability and to keep them from slipping into poverty over something as simple as a rising grocery bill. Because for too many families, it's not just an extra few cents per egg. It's another crack in the fragile foundation they're trying to stand on.

Together, we can make a difference. Discover how you can help build a brighter, more stable future for ALICE and for all, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania.

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

**Support ALICE in our
Community**

Your Gift Makes a Difference

This campaign year, we are calling on our community to join us in Mobilizing for ALICE. Together, we can ensure families don't just get by—but thrive.

Together, we can create a stronger, more resilient community.

Make your gift today [HERE](#)



In the CommUNITY



Housing Partnership of Chester County

Since 1988, the Housing Partnership of Chester County (HPCC) assists low-to-moderate income individuals and families in the acquisition and retention of long-term attainable housing in Chester County, helping to create and grow safe, stable communities.

[Read More](#)



HPCC Fuel Assistance Program

The Housing Partnership of Chester County provides the Fuel Assistance Program through donations from individuals and the United Way. This program allows individuals stay warm through the winter months.

A gift of \$500 helps provide the gift of heat during for cold winter nights right here in our community.

Live here. Give here. Stays here.

Support Programs like
HPCC

CommUNITY Calendar

October

4

Saturday, October 4 | 12pm-4pm | New Garden Park

Community Day

In Partnership with Mighty Writers and KACS, Community Day is a vibrant celebration of unity, creativity, and shared purpose. More information can be found [here](#).

October

7

Tuesday, October 7 | 6:45pm | Multiple Locations

Light the Night

Join the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County for its Light the Night for Hope and Healing awareness effort and countywide event. Purple lights-decorating trees, gazebos, and historic buildings across the county- glow throughout the month to not only remember those we have lost to domestic violence, but to shine as a beacon of hope. More information can be found [here](#).

October

11

Saturday, October 11 | 12pm-4pm | Penn Township Park

Penn Township Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is a wholesome, community staple. This is a day where families can simply attend and be present with their loved ones. More information can be found [here](#).

Saturday, October 11 | 1pm-4pm | Kennett Square

Kennett Trails Alliance BikeFest

This fun day celebrates fun activities on two wheels- a bike parade, BMX stunt show, crafts and more! More information can be found [here](#).

October

17

Friday, October 17 | 10am-1pm | Coatesville

Poverty Simulation

The Poverty Simulation is an interactive, eye-opening experience that allows you to step into the shoes of neighbors struggling to make ends meet. More information can be found [here](#).

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



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