



UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

a monthly newsletter for the community

June: New Beginnings

Supporting New Beginnings

As we welcome summer, let's support families in need by gathering essential items for newborns and young families. Together, we can help ensure that every baby has what they need for a healthy start and that young parents have the resources to thrive in their parenting journey.



Support Young Families

A Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

At United Way of Southern Chester County, we believe that when a community comes together, we can bridge even the deepest divides—between hardship and hope, between struggle and stability.

Every day, we see neighbors doing just that: stepping up to help a child access quality early education, a



senior afford medication, or a family put food on the table. It's that spirit of collective action that gives our work meaning—and power.

This June, I invite you to be part of that movement. There are two meaningful ways you can get involved and make a difference right now:

1. Join us for our **Summer Music Festival at the Kennett Creamery on Thursday, June 12 from 5:30–8:30 PM**. It will be a fun evening of food, music, and community, but it's more than a summer celebration—**proceeds from this event support 31 essential programs** in our region that help local families facing financial hardship.

Your attendance turns into rent assistance, food security, mental health care, and more.

2. Support our **Newborn Essentials Drive**, collecting diapers, wipes, baby bottles, and infant clothing for young families served by **Maternal and Child Health Consortium and YoungMoms**. These items are small, but the impact is life-changing—offering comfort and care to new moms doing their best with limited resources.

This work takes all of us. Your time, your voice, your presence—it matters. Together, we are building a stronger Southern Chester County, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

With appreciation,
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!

Join us for our kickoff celebration at the Summer Music Festival on Thursday, June 12 at The Creamery, where we'll mark the occasion with a special 80th birthday cake presentation.

Can't make it to the party? You can still be part of the celebration by making 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 toast to 80 years of caring, collaboration, and change!

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

In the CommUNITY



Strengthening Families, Supporting Futures: MCHC

The Maternal and Child Health Consortium (MCHC) of Chester County stands as a beacon of support for families, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive from the very beginning. Through dedicated programs like the **Family Benefits Program** and the **Kindergarten Transition Program**, MCHC addresses critical needs, laying the foundation for lifelong health and educational success

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Empowering Young Mothers: UWSCC's Partnership with YoungMoms

In Southern Chester County, where the journey to adulthood can be especially complex for young women who become mothers in their teenage years, one organization stands out as a source of hope, support, and transformation. YoungMoms, a nonprofit based in Kennett Square, **serves teen mothers ages 13 to 21** who are working to complete their education, care for their children, and build a future filled with opportunity and independence.

[Read More](#)



June Diaper Drive

The theme this month is **New Beginnings**.



Music Festival June 12!

The Summer Music Festival is fast

UWSCC is dedicated to ensuring families in our community have what they need to thrive, especially families with young children.

Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting donations of newborn essentials like:

- diapers
- Pullups
- wipes
- onesies/pajamas
- swaddling blankets
- baby bath towels
- socks
- baby bottles

We will distribute these items to our partner agencies **YoungMoms and Maternal Child Health Consortium (MCHC)**. These agencies provide support, resources, and education to parents helping to build strong, stable foundations for families in our community.

You can drop off donations or order online and have shipped to our office using this link Use this link to order from Amazon:

[Newborn Essentials Drive](#)

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Kennett Square, PA 19348

approaching. We are excited to bring a fun, family-friendly event to the community that will highlight the incredible work being done every day to ensure our neighbors have the opportunity to thrive.

We hope you will spend the evening with UWSCC! Tickets are available now!

UWSCC Summer Music Festival

**Kennett Creamery,
401 Birch Street**

**Thursday, June 12
5:30-8:30pm,
*doors open 5:00pm***

**Music, food, drinks, raffles,
silent auction**

Care-ie Award Recognition

80th Birthday Cake Presentation

[Tickets available NOW!](#)

Kristin Proto: 2025 Care-ie Award Recipient



UWSCC Honors Kristin Proto with 2025 Care-ie Award

United Way of Southern Chester County is proud to recognize **Kristin Proto, Executive Director of The Garage Community and Youth Center**, as the recipient of the 2025 Care-ie Award.

Kristin has **led The Garage since 2013**, transforming it into a trusted, welcoming space for middle and high school students in our community. Under her guidance, The Garage has grown into a vital resource for academic support, life skills, mentoring, and youth leadership.

She will be honored at the UWSCC Summer Music Festival on Thursday, June 12 at The Creamery in Kennett Square. Join us in celebrating Kristin's inspiring leadership and her deep commitment to local youth.

CommUNITY Calendar

June
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DIAPER DRIVE to benefit YoungMoms and MCHC

Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting donations of newborn essentials like diapers, Pullups, wipes, onesies/pajamas, swaddling blankets, bath towels, socks, baby bottles, etc to distribute to partner agencies YoungMoms and Maternal Child Health Consortium (MCHC). These agencies provide support, resources, education helping to build strong, stable foundations for families in our community.

Use this link to order from Amazon: [Newborn Essentials Drive](#)

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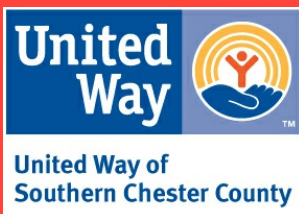
SAVE THE DATE: Summer Music Festival Fundraiser

Thursday, June 12, 5:00-8:30pm
Kennett Creamery

Join UWSCC board, staff, partner agencies and community members for a fun, family-friendly event to celebrate UWSCC's 80th birthday.

[Tickets available.](#)

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



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