

Report for Monday - 19 July 2021

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Updates on SCFL Community Services Projects/WI State Conference

Since LaborFest is "on" this year, there will be a collection drive for MMSD students who are homeless in TEP (Transition Education Program). Flyers are available on the SCFL website.

There will be a 2022 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference from March 24th thru the 26th at the Madison Concourse Hotel! An advance notice flyer will be posted on the SCFL website soon.

Volunteer Your Time - Providing Help Right Now!!

If you personally or as a group/family want to help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, there is a local website, <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/>, which allows you to look for opportunities. They are clearly marked as to being in person OR completely virtual (to be extra safe). Your assistance is always appreciated! Do let me know if you need help finding something of interest.

Insurance on the Market Place and HealthConnect

Thanks to an executive order signed by President Biden, the HealthCare.gov Marketplace was reopened for 2021 and you can enroll in health coverage through August 15th. And anyone qualifying for Special Enrollment can enroll at any time. Also those laid off may be able to get free COBRA coverage from their former employer until September 2021. Another part is that some plans selected by people up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) may be covered and then HealthConnect can cover the rest of them.

Donations/Collections

If you and/or your Local are downsizing and you need to find a next "home" for items, please do feel free to contact me. This does happen from time to time and it's usually more by chance. Some things, which to me should be easy to place, aren't always being sought but there are many possibilities. I'm happy to work with you (although I can't provide transportation) so please feel free to reach out.

United Way 211 - Help Starts Here

United Way 211 is a free, confidential information and referral resource available via telephone (voice or text) 24 hours a day, every day. It covers the entire state and you reach a "live" resource specialist by simply calling 211 on your telephone or texting your zip code to 898-211. The person answering will be able to help you navigate this current situation (which is changing every day)! If you prefer, the information is also available online at <https://211wisconsin.org/>. 211 is also looking for new volunteers, working safely from your own home, so please let me know if you're interested.



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