



Lycoming County  
United Way

# NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER ADDITION

Hello Sweet Summer Time!

Time to relax by the pool, pack up the car for a road trip or catch a baseball game. Our staff has enjoyed the season, but has managed to stay busy engaging with the community!



A win for PA 2-1-1!



The Commonwealth has officially passed the State Budget and we are pleased to report the victory for 2-1-1. The Commonwealth included a one-time infrastructure investment of \$4 million to 2-1-1 on top of the yearly line item investment. This investment is needed to improve this vital service to better serve our community!

## Kickoff Carnival

### SAVE THE DATE!

As we begin our next century of service, we are kicking off our annual resource development campaign in a fun new way! Join us and our friends at [New Trail Brewing Company](#) for our Centennial Campaign Kickoff Carnival!

Join us for live music, carnival games, raffles, and free beer!



## Resilient PA



We are excited to introduce Resilient PA! This resource is a collaborative effort working to help Pennsylvania residents become more trauma aware and have practical tools to identify and address the trauma in their world.

Join the FREE Trauma Aware PA Summer Series [here!](#)

The first course in the series has been released! Register today!

## Little League World Series Trading Pins

The Little League World Series is back in full swing and so are the Lycoming County United Way Trading Pins! Visit our office before they are all gone!



2022 LITTLE LEAGUE<sup>®</sup> TRADING PIN **AVAILABLE NOW!**

**STOP IN TO GET YOURS TODAY!**

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT UNITED WAY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**CHANGE DOESN'T HAPPEN ALONE**

**ONLY \$5! HURRY! NO HOLDS! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!**

## Bikes, Bikes, Bikes!

We are grateful to our friends at Cummins for their commitment to the community and their donation of 30 unisex, children's bikes!

Such a large donation has allowed us many opportunities to raffle bikes to children throughout the community, like at the PA Safe Kids Bike Rodeo and Cookin' Up Conversations!





# A LOOK BACK

## Kids Carnival

First Friday proved to be a fun time for the Kids Carnival with our friends at [The Brickyard Restaurant and Ale House](#) and [The Stonehouse Pizza and Pasteria](#)! We are so grateful to the Tony, Erik and their team for creating amazing games and inviting the Lycoming County United Way so join as the beneficiary!

## Day of Caring

It is always fun spending the day giving back to one of our program partners. Our 2022 Day of Caring was spent at Sojourner Truth Ministries with a group of volunteers from Baker Tilly, led by board member Deb Bowes! Together, we repainted the railing outside the ministry and hung insulation inside their new

property! It was a great day giving back to the community!



## United Way of Pennsylvania Conference

In June, our staff had the opportunity to attend the United Way of Pennsylvania State Conference. The conference allowed our team to learn from other United Ways across the state on best practices and different ways to engage our communities. We were also updated on several statewide initiatives including 2-1-1 and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).



# *a message from the* **PRESIDENT**

Hope your summer is going well and you spent some time or will spend time with family and friends. Boy has it been a hot few weeks. As I write this to you, the mercury is below 90 degrees for the first time in a few weeks and the cool morning temperatures were a nice change.

We've been busy attending and planning some fun events. Some are new and some are just our favorites. We are also gearing up for our annual campaign and a new twist this year. And we concluded our annual meeting and elected some new officers and directors.

We are pleased to announce that Patti Jackson-Gehris, President of UPMC Williamsport and UPMC in Northcentral PA will be our board chair for the next few years. Patti has been a great community leader and we are thrilled to have her leading our organization. She'll be joined by Chip Edmonds (EVP, Lycoming College) as Vice Chair,

Don Shade (Retired) as Secretary, and Joe O'Neill (CFO, Muncy Bank & Trust) as Treasurer. Mike Pawlik will continue to serve as immediate past Chair.

We said goodbye to several board members including Mike Kraft (Textron Systems), Ken Sawyer (Retired Broadcaster), and Rob Glunk (President, Muncy Bank & Trust Company). All three gentlemen served six years on our board and we are grateful for their leadership and service.

We also welcome the following new Board members whom we elected at our annual meeting.

*Audriana M. Empet (Director of Admissions, Pennsylvania College of Technology)*  
*Dr. Camille T. Hinojosa (Staff Physician, WorkCenter, UPMC)*  
*Anthony Pace, (Dean of Academic Operations, Pennsylvania College of Technology)*  
*Miranda Redka (Redka Behavior Services)*  
*LaTricia Scutching (Residential Therapist, Families United Network)*

Summer is in full swing and we have been busy. In June, we participated in Williams' Aiming to Make Changes Archery & Clay Shoot and raised just over \$14,000 in support of our community partners and United Way programs. We followed that by providing vaccine hesitancy information at the second annual Juneteenth Celebration in Brandon Park. Several people got COVID-19 vaccinations because of this outreach and we enjoyed interacting with the community.

In July, we conducted our Day of Action at Sojourner Truth Ministries, and with our friends from Baker Tilly, we were able to hand insulation for an entire first floor and paint a railing. We also attended the United Way of Pennsylvania State Conference in State College and got an opportunity to interact with United Way leaders across the Commonwealth. The expense of the conference was covered by flexible professional development credits provided by United Way Worldwide.

On July 17, we got the opportunity to participate with Williamsport Police Chief Justin Snyder, Assistant Chief Jason Bolt, and Mayor Slaughter at Cookin' Up Conversations with Cops at City Church. In addition, because of our relationship with Cummins Sales & Service in Williamsport, we were able to provide four brand new bikes to kids at the event after a successful Safe Kids Bike Rodeo the previous Friday at Memorial Park. Don Musser and his team at Cummins are providing our United Way with 30 unisex bikes, helmets, and locks as part of a global relationship with United Way Worldwide. Check out the coverage in the [Williamsport Sun Gazette](#) or at [NorthcentralPA.com](#). In addition to these events, we also had bikes available at the annual Kids Carnival, presented by the [Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House](#) and [The Stonehouse Wood Fired Pizza & Pasteria](#) during Kids First Friday on August 5. We will end the summer with summer reading at the Hughesville and Montgomery Public Libraries and with our campaign kickoff on September 1 with our friends at New Trail Brewing.

We are grateful for the outpouring of support from our community business partners and for the countless volunteers who helped us with our Day of Action and Kids Carnival.

Our annual grant-making process wrapped in May and the Board approved the community's recommendations as part of our annual budget in July. Look for more on this impact in the coming months.

We hope you will continue to support our mission to mobilize resources to improve

lives. Your support and encouragement are more important than ever as we enter our second century of service. Thank you.

Blessings,



# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

**Susquehanna Valley CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates):**

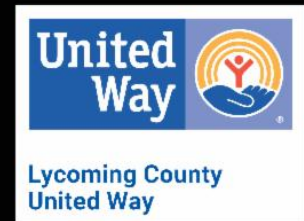
**Volunteer Recruitment Program:**

Susquehanna Valley CASA – Voices for Children employs a full-time case manager to oversee up to 30 cases or up to 45 children in the child welfare/Dependency Program. The case manager is responsible for overseeing the 30 volunteers recruited and trained to be advocates for these children through the Volunteer Recruitment Program. Volunteers are thoroughly trained and managed by the case manager to consistently advocate for the child/sibling group while their case is active in the Dependency court system.



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Thank you for your continued support of the Lycoming County United Way!

Together we make an impact. Together we #LIVEUNITED!  
Because change doesn't happen alone.



Supporting the Lycoming County United Way means supporting your community and enabling our organization to continue to fund the critical programs our partners provide. Your investment in the Lycoming County United Way helps ensure that people in communities in Lycoming, Sullivan and Tioga Counties continue to have these resources available to them.

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