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Schuylkill United Way Hosts Congressman Cartwright for Meet & Greet with Partner Agencies

Schuylkill United Way (SUW) will host Congressman Cartwright on February 18th at 12pm for a guided Q & A session and meet and greet at the Schuylkill United Way offices with SUW Partner Agencies.

The Schuylkill United Way supports health and human service agencies with a longstanding record of serving the population of Schuylkill County. SUW Partner Agencies provide services to county residents at little or no charge. 99% of all funds raised by the Schuylkill United Way stay in Schuylkill County.

SUW Partner Agency organizations include:

American Red Cross in Schuylkill County
Avenues (Founded as UCP in 1952)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Schuylkill County
Boy Scouts of America: Hawk Mountain Council
Child Development, Inc.
Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA
Salvation Army: Pottsville Corps
Salvation Army: Tamaqua Corps
Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Schuylkill County (SARCC)
Schuylkill County Society for Crippled Children
Schuylkill Wellness Services
Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC)
Schuylkill YMCA
Tamaqua Area Meals on Wheels, Inc.
Tamaqua YMCA

Schuylkill United Way is a member in good standing with United Way Worldwide. SUW Board Members and officers are comprised of business and community leaders dedicated to serving Schuylkill County. In addition to funding health and human service nonprofits, the Schuylkill United Way facilitates the following programs in the community:

PA 2-1-1 Initiative: Activating the PA 2-1-1 database for Schuylkill County, through United Way of PA, will allow individuals seeking assistance to get direct connections service providers who can meet needs regarding healthcare, heating assistance, food banks, veteran service assistance, clothing needs, etc. There is currently no comprehensive information referral service in Schuylkill County. Schuylkill United Way is working with local emergency management personnel and elected officials to spread the word about the 2-1-1 initiative to assist with nonprofit registration for the database and to seek possible funding sources.

Day of Caring: Each May, Schuylkill United Way connects individuals and corporate donors with our Partner Agencies to complete community service initiatives for a Day of Caring. Projects range from setting up tents at the Hawk Mountain Council's Boy Scout Camp to cleaning up playgrounds at Child Development, Inc.

Stuff the Bus: A month long school supply drive is held each July for local children in need. Backpacks are stuffed with school supplies and are delivered to our Partner Agencies, who distribute the backpacks. Last year, over 1,200 children received backpacks.

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