

Lycoming County United Way



## Hunger Action Month

## September is National Hunger Action Month!

Last year, we took charge of securing a volunteer opportunity at Sojourner Truth Ministries during the pandemic and served over 100 meals to community members. Check out the 2020 post **HERE**.

This year we will continue to share facts and statistics regarding hunger. Keep an eye out on our social media pages!



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## 2021 LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT



Thank you to all attendees at our Leadership Appreciation Event hosted by Maurice & Mary Jo Bower in August! It was a great honor and privilege to be around so many community leaders at one event. Also, we want to especially thank Ridey Rielo for speaking and telling her story! Check out all the photos by clicking the button below!

**Leadership Photos** 





Thank you to all who donated to our Tech for Telehealth Project! Thanks to your support we raised over \$1,500! These dollars will be utilized to purchase tablets to help kiddos in the schools receive counseling services via Zoom or Facetime.





Thanks to all the volunteers, Brickyard & Stonehouse Team, and community members who came out to the Kids Carnival on Kids First Friday! We had an amazing time and raised over \$1,000! Thank you for your support!

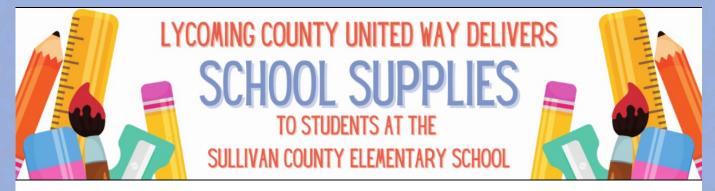
Click **HERE** to view the full post!





Our team and site leader, Brian, all accomplished primer & painting the House of Hope outside ceiling at Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.! The following day, other Transform volunteers finished the porch! Below is the final product!





A few weeks ago, the Lycoming County United Way, serving Sullivan County, had the opportunity to partner with Trooper Deanna Piekanski of The Pennsylvania State Police, Troop P, Staples In Wilkes-Barre Township, UPMC, the Bear Creek Foundation and the Sullivan County School District to provide 150 draw string bags and school supplies to students in grades one through three at the Sullivan County Elementary School.



## a message from the PRESIDENT

In August we focused our social media activity around Children's Eye Health month, celebrated some of our organizational and community leaders with a leadership reception hosted by Mary Jo and Maurice Bower to kick off our Centennial Celebration of 100 years, and announced our second signature event, LIVE UNITED in Music II starring Michael Cavanaugh and the music of Sir Elton John on September 30 at the Community Arts Center.



We launched our new online resource development effort called Tech for Telehealth in partnership with Diakon Family Life Services and this Facebook fundraiser stood at just over \$1,500 or 50% of our goal at distribution of this newsletter. The fundraiser is designed to help us provide tablets to kids in our schools. If you would still like to give you can call us and send us a check through September 15.

Finally, we were able to partner with Trooper Deanna Piekanski of the Pennsylvania

State Police, Troop P, to provide school supplies to 150 kids in grades one through three at the Sullivan County Elementary School. Special thanks to Stan Cary and Patti Jackson-Gehris and our partners at UPMC for providing the draw string bags to hold all of the supplies and Sandy Pardoe and the Sullivan County 4-H for packing all of the bags. Similar school supplies were also provided to the United Way of Bradford County by Trooper Piekanski.

Last week I finished a few weeks as a volunteer Team Host for the Little League World Series that, this year, welcomed teams from eight United States regions to South Williamsport and two Major League Baseball teams and community members to Muncy Bank Ballpark at Historic Bowman Field. While this years' series looked different and COVID-19 certainly had its impact, I am reminded of why kids love this time of year and we should too. Watching the community welcome the world to our area should give us all hope. We live in a great region with great communities and the United Way has been here for almost 100 years fighting for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community in Lycoming, Sullivan and Tioga Counties. Mobilizing the collective resources of the community to change lives has meaning every day for our staff, board and all of you who support us year after year.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and encouragement. Together, we can make an impact. Because change doesn't happen alone.

Blessings,







## Sojourner Truth Ministries

Feeding Program: Sojourner Truth Ministries Feeding Program offers breakfast and lunch 6 days per week to any one in need specifically homeless individuals in our community. Sojourner is a safe place for people to come, socialize, be off the streets and away from substances they may be trying to avoid.

• \$52 Provides substantial meals for 10 hungry people who may not eat again until following day.

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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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