



Lycoming County
United Way

NEWSLETTER



Happy Independence Day from the United Way Team. We are the land of the free, we are the home of the brave. Thank you, to our men and women in uniform, past, present and future for your service. We wish you a joyful and safe celebration of this remarkable day in our nation's history.

TECHNOLOGY FOR TELEHEALTH

JULY 1ST THROUGH
AUGUST 30TH



Diakon Family Life Services is in critical need of tablets for their Counseling Education Program.

Since COVID-19, Diakon is looking to increase the amount of telehealth for students, giving access to FaceTime or Zoom calls with their counselors.



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF:

\$3,000



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CHANGE DOESN'T HAPPEN ALONE

Due to confidentiality and security purposes, Diakon requested dollar donations, as they will acquire the tablets themselves.

A LOOK BACK

June was National LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month

Our United Way recognized the importance of Pride Month, and we highly encourage everyone to continue to raise awareness, improve the attitudes of society and have compassion for all. Check our [Facebook Page](#) to see all our posts!

Diversity is the mix. Inclusion is making the mix work.

-Andres Tapia



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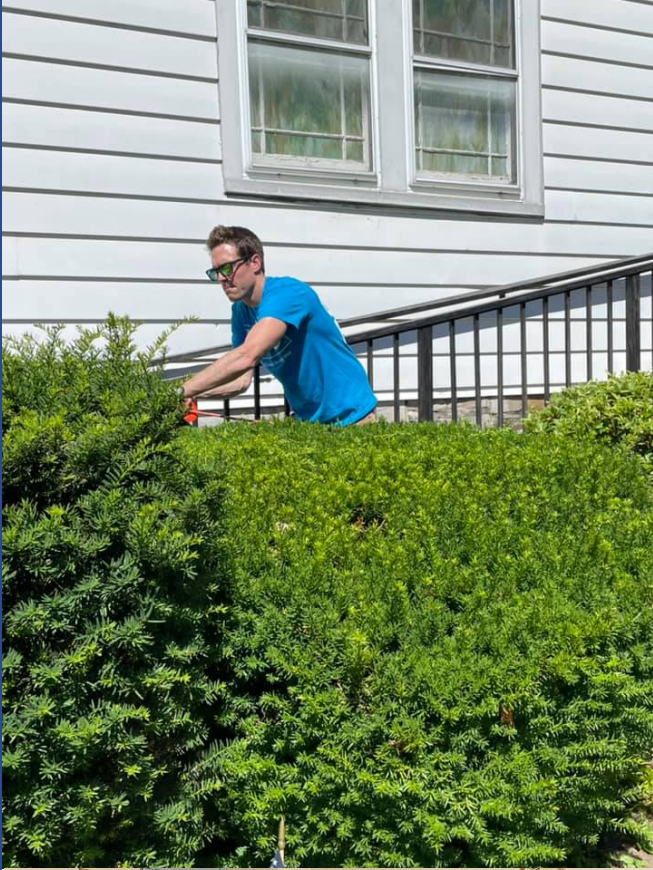
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to participate!**

Volunteers painted, cleaned, landscaped, and organized for four of our community partners, including Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc., YWCA Northcentral PA, American Rescue Workers-Williamsport and Family Promise of Lycoming County Inc!

THANK YOU to our community partners for the opportunity and all the employees from the following organizations who took time out of their day to volunteer: UPMC, Genetti Hotel Williamsport, Susquehanna Valley CASA - Voices for Children, PPL Electric Utilities, Larson Design Group, The Muncy Bank & Trust Company, Baker Tilly and Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services

Finally, THANK YOU to Joe LePore and Bart's Pizzeria for donating pizza's for lunch!

Check our our [Facebook Page](#) for the full post.



SUCCESS STORY



Jamie Burns, a nurse with Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), sent the photos on the right of a recent recital. The child in the photo is Sophia "Sophie" Kuzio, a graduate of the program and now an accomplished ballerina at age 4. Sophie's mom, Jessica, was our annual dinner speaker in 2019 and also a part of one of our video features in 2018.



Jamie Burns & Sophia

Jessica says Sophia's pre-school evaluation this year shows she is already at kindergarten level in some categories, which means that programs like NFP are making an impact on these young lives.



[Watch Youtube Video](#)

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Save the Date

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - APRIL 2022

Our United Way's 100th anniversary is in 2022! There will be some exciting events, surprises and much more coming soon! Stay tuned on our social media pages for further information.

a message from the **PRESIDENT**

Thanks for continuing to check us out on a monthly basis. We hope you like this format and the information provided, but would also love your feedback so reach out to Melyssa if you have thoughts, ideas or things you'd like to see!



As things are opening up, our vaccination numbers are starting to stagnate. Please educate yourself on the benefits of this vaccine and consult your

healthcare professional before reaching a conclusion. We need our economy and our community to be able to come together in person once more and we are more excited than ever to be a part of that community.

We had a busy June, focusing on our diverse community by celebrating Pride month and attending the Juneteenth celebration in Brandon Park. Now a national holiday, we have an opportunity as a nation as whole to recognize the significance of Juneteenth. We also closed the month with an opportunity to recognize our furry friends on National Bring Your Dog to Work Day and with another successful Day of Action where 30 volunteers gathered and spent 60 hours of community service helping our partners at the American Rescue Workers, Family Promise, Sojourner Truth Ministries and the YWCA. We were thrilled to be able to get out again this year and look forward to an even bigger and better day in 2022. And our ongoing partnership with Hamilton Patriot and the Williamsport Crosscutters is earning us \$25 for every Crosscutters hit during the Hamilton-Patriot Power Inning. So get to a game. You'll be glad you did!

July begins a new fiscal year for us and so we have some new things planned including the celebration of our 100th anniversary as an organization in April 2022. As a result, we are working on some new initiatives and lots of fun to celebrate our centennial. The first is a Tech for Telehealth Facebook Fundraising campaign to help provide tablets to kids in our schools. A collaborative effort with our partners at Diakon Family Life Services, telehealth services are here to stay and COVID-19 taught us all the importance of mental health in our daily lives. Our goal is \$3,000, but the sky is the limit on how many kids we can help. We hope you'll consider supporting us at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/3672802189487577/>

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Together, we can make an impact. Because change doesn't happen alone.

Blessings,



What is United Way Worldwide (UWW)?

- UWW is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: health, education and financial stability. Helping local United Ways fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community for almost 135 years.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

River Valley Regional YMCA

- Brickhouse Program

- This program is an after school enrichment program for students in grades 6-12. This allows students to benefit from both direct and indirect positive program attributes, including: a safe, supervised environment during a time when most students are left unattended due to parents working, even the possibility of a lack of proper care and attention at home, or keeping away from unhealthy lifestyles due to peers. The students utilize the large gym, teen room, and kitchen where they are provided snacks and, may complete homework, socialize, and build healthy relationships. The staff mentors help the students with homework, introduce them to new sports or activities, and can help students with any questions and offer advice.

- \$26 provides three (3) months of nutritious snacks for program members.

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- Childcare Program

- The River Valley Regional YMCA provides child care services to working families regardless of their ability to pay. This program focuses on allowing children a hands-on, interactive atmosphere. Through play, stories, songs, centers and a wide variety of educational materials, the children are learning by experience which encourages individual growth and independent decision-making.

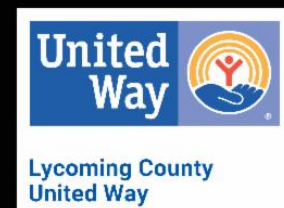
- \$52 provides costs for two (2) 3-5 year olds to attend one week of Preschool.

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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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