



Schuylkill United Way

Pottsville, PA



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H.O.P.E. Helping Other People Everyday



Captain Jason B. Jones Memorial Day of Caring - May 8, 2026

455 | **19**
Volunteers | Project Sites

Schuylkill United Way's **Day of Caring** pairs volunteers with our Partner Agencies and other nonprofits across Schuylkill County for a day of impact. Our Day of Caring is named to honor the sacrifice of local hero, Capt. Jason B. Jones. Thank you to all of the businesses, organizations, and individuals who united to make a difference!

Volunteered with the American Red Cross:

Amazon - Fraley Twp., Lehigh Valley Hospital - Schuylkill,
Pottsville Area School District, UGI

Volunteered at Avenues:

Essential Minions, EMD Electronics, Hydro, M&T Bank

Volunteered at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation:

Blue Mountain High School Football Team, Geisinger St. Luke's
Hospital & St. Luke's Hospital Miners Campus, Hydro, Jay Jones, Jr.,
PPL, Walmart DC 7030, Wegmans,

Volunteered at Child Development, Inc (Fountain Springs):

Mauch Chunk Trust, Schuylkill Area Community Foundation

Volunteered at Child Development, Inc (Mahanoy City):

Highwood USA

Volunteered at Child Development, Inc (Pottsville):

Pottsville Rotary

Volunteered at Child Development, Inc (Shenandoah):

The Henkel Family

Volunteered with Friends of Locust Lake & Tuscarora State Park:

EMD Electronics

Volunteered with Helping Harvest:

Mid Penn Bank

Volunteered with NEPA Manufacturers & Employers Council:

Fulton Bank, PA Dept. of Corrections

Volunteered at Minersville Area High School:

Minersville students, faculty, and staff



Volunteered at the Palo Alto Borough
Access Services

Volunteered at Schuylkill HOPE Center:
Brush Strokes of Schuylkill Haven, EMD Electronics,
Mrs. T's Pierogies

Volunteered at Schuylkill YMCA:
Schuylkill Indivisibles

Volunteered at St. Joseph Center for Special Learning:
Hidden River Credit Union

Volunteered at Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center:
Mid Penn Bank

Volunteered at Tamaqua Liberty Tree Park:
EMD Electronics



The Tradition Continues For years, part of Schuylkill United Way's Day of Caring includes visiting the 4th and 5th grade students at Blue Mountain Elementary West, where Captain Jones attended school. These students hear about Jones and are encouraged to be brave and serve their community. They do this by joining the local Legion to place flags on the graves of veterans at Cressona Cemetery and visiting & signing for veterans at the Labanon VA.





Our Stuff the Bus program does not happen without:

- the 81 locations collecting supplies, or
- the 160+ volunteers, or
- the generous financial contributions of individuals, churches, civic groups, and businesses.

Together, we met the need of 1,550+ bookbags for Schuylkill County students!

Scan to see the photo gallery and all the local businesses & organizations that helped make it happen!



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SUW-Hometown

Summer Golf Tournament

We appreciate the 130 golfers, all the volunteers, and generous sponsors who made our summer tournament a success. *Together, \$20,000 was raised for Schuylkill United Way!*

Special thanks to our sponsors:

Tournament Sponsor: Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.	Hole Sponsors: American Piping Products Geisinger/St. Luke's Hospital Mrs. T's Pierogies SET Environmental, Inc.
Dinner Sponsor: McClure Company	
Golf Ball Sponsor: eldredge, inc.	
Drink Cart Sponsors: H.T. Lyons R-way Gasket	Raffle Prize Donors: Ashley Furniture Boyer's Food Market DiMaio's Mustard Seed Drasdis & Son Giant Food Stores Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Mid Penn Bank Mountain Valley Golf Course Pottsville Pizzeria Reading Fightin Phils Redner's Markets Roma Pizzeria The Chopping Block The Craft Haus Vito's Coal Fired Pizza & Restaurant Scranton/Wilkes Barre Railriders Yuengling Beer
Pot of Gold Sponsors: Langan Ryder	
Program Sponsor: B+G Manufacturing	
Prize Hole Sponsor: Tompkins Community Bank	



SUW-Hometown
Fall Golf Outing

Friday, September 26, 2026 | Noon
Mountain Valley Golf Course



We're celebrating **90 Years of helping** Schuylkill County residents in need!



**American
Red Cross**



**TAMAQUA AREA ADULT
DAY CARE CENTER**

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To Help **Schuylkill County**

For 90 years Schuylkill United Way and donors like you have made it possible to make a difference in Schuylkill County. Your donations have helped our partner agencies assist neighbors of all ages and backgrounds:

- The mother and child who were able to escape a violent home.
- The student who was able to gain the soft skills to earn and keep a job.
- The disabled adult who was able to gain confidence and employment skills to become an active member of the community.
- The child who was able to be treated by a pediatric orthopedic physician.
- The family who was able to have before & after school child care so they could work.

These are just a few of the ways your contributions have made - and continue to make - a tangible difference.



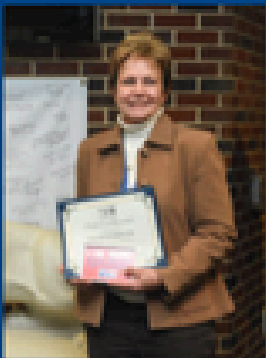
"As United Way prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary, its continued success stands as a testament to the dedication of its staff and the enduring support of the community. The phrase "Helping Other People Everyday" has truly become the guiding principle that inspires us to work together toward building a stronger Schuylkill County."

-Andy Smarkanic - Retired



"One of my favorite experiences with the SUW was the Tour of H.O.P.E., which allowed me to see the agencies in action, meet the people behind the scenes, and connect directly with individuals receiving services—bringing a deeper sense of purpose and responsibility to my role."

-Mark Mikita - Wegman's RSC



"There are many stories of our families who have been supported with funding through the SUW. And, as a result, have been able to maintain or gain employment because of our SUW scholarships for wrap-around child care. There have been so many families who were struggling and are so grateful."

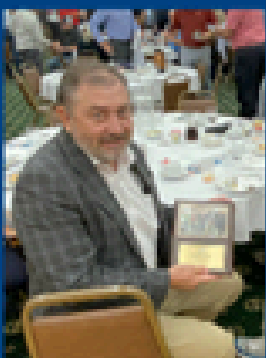
-Mary Ann Devlin - Child Development



Q: What are you most proud of with your association with SUW?

A: The Schuylkill United Way's commitment to keeping their funding local and supporting those organizations that support the people of Schuylkill County.

-Doug Allen - Big Impact Group



Q: Why is Schuylkill United Way so valuable to Schuylkill County?

A: The Schuylkill United Way supports agencies that provide vital services to the people of Schuylkill County, including agencies that provide a safety net when life doesn't go according to plan.

-Pete Keitsock - Avenues



Q: What would you like to see happen in the next 10 years that has not yet happened at SUW?

A: That all large companies working in Schuylkill County to fully support the one agency that can do the most good for all!

-Joe Bessette - Wegman's RSC



Q: Why is Schuylkill United Way so valuable to Schuylkill County?

A: Through the various programs that SUW runs and the 15 partner agencies that we support, the residents of Schuylkill County have resources available to them in their greatest time of need.

-Jeff Wessner - Tompkins Community Bank

2027 Campaign Updates



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UNITED We Dine Week

September 11-20

What is UNITED We Dine Week?

When you dine at a participating restaurant during UNITED We Dine Week, a portion of the proceeds from your meal goes directly to the Schuylkill United Way.

- **Where the money goes:** 98.5% of funds raised stay right here in Schuylkill County, helping local partner agencies provide critical services like emergency shelter, after-school childcare, job training, and family support.
- **How you help:** Simply enjoying your meal, ordering featured specials, or making an optional extra donation helps support over 86,000 local community members every year.

Eat well, support local businesses, and give back to our community—all in one meal!

Thank you for your support!

Your local United Way Staff,



*Mike, Becky,
and Jeanie*

UNITED We Dine Week Locations

- Black Rock Brewing Company
- Blu Tavern Restaurant
- Copper Creek Bistro
- DiMaggio's Pizza & Italian Restaurant
- Eagle Tavern
- Farlow's Deli & Hoagies
- Hope & Coffee Tamaqua
- Jack's Spot
- Pottsville Pizzeria
- Pressed Coffee & Books
- Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard
- Red Rose Korean Kitchen
- Scotto's Ristorante & Pizzeria
- Sughr & Company
- The Chopping Block
- The Little Brown Barrel
- Two King's Pizzeria
- Vito's Coal Fired Pizza

Get all
the details
here!



SCAN ME

SAVE THESE DATES

SUW Pacesetters Club Annual Reception

Thursday, October 22

Walk In Art Center

220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven

5pm - 7pm

This event is only for SUW Pacesetters.

SUW 2027 Campaign Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, November 13

St. Nicholas Hall

855 Sunbury Rd. Pottsville

8:15am: Breakfast Served

8:30am: Program Begins



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**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!**



2027 CAMPAIGN KICK OFF BREAKFAST

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Friday, September 11

8:15am: Breakfast Served

8:30am: Program Begins

St. Nicholas Hall

855 Sunbury Rd., Pottsville

Scan the QR code to reserve your place.





On Tuesday, June 16 we held our 9th Annual High School Football Challenge at North Schuylkill High School Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium.

All 14 Schuylkill County high school football teams battled through seven competitions that tested their strength, speed, agility, and passing accuracy. The exhibition Kick Out contest has become a staple of the “half-time” activities.

Congratulations to the overall winner - the **Blue Mountain Eagles**! The **North Schuylkill Spartans** finished in second, and the **Pottsville Crimson Tide** finished in the number three spot.

It was a great night of community as attendees got to visit with our Partner Agencies and sponsors who had games, give-a-ways, and lots of resources! A variety of food trucks were on site to meet everyone’s dinner and dessert needs.

Thanks to all of the teams, our dedicated volunteers, and generous sponsors, \$33,500 was raised at the Challenge to support the youth initiatives of Schuylkill United Way - including the Nurse’s Pantry & Stuff the Bus - and the work of our Partner Agencies!

Thank you to our event sponsor:

John E. Morgan
Foundation

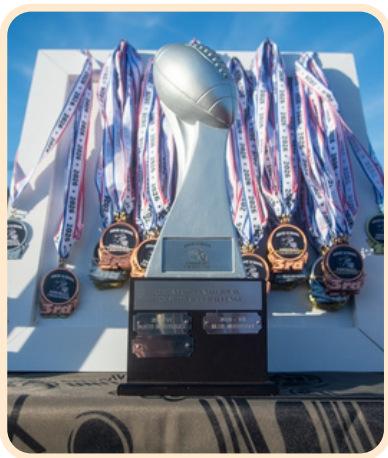
Thank you to our t-shirt sponsor:



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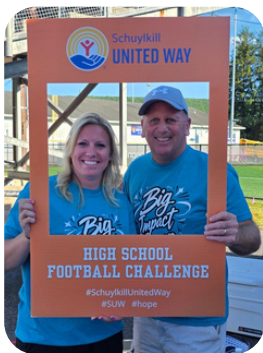
Jim Gross & Ty Wartman



Thank you to our Challenge Station Sponsors:

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Campion, P.C. | Mystic Screen Printing & Embroidery |
Rinaldi Family Dealerships

Thank you to the Schuylkill County Commissioners
and SUW Board members who contributed to the
awards & trophies!



Visit the SUW website to learn more about the
Football Challenge, get the 2026 Program, and
see all the phtos!



Overall STRENGTH Winners



Blue Mountain





Pottsville





Schuylkill Haven



Tire Flip





Pottsville



North Schuylkill



Blue Mountain & Shenandoah tied for 3rd place.

Bench Press





Schuylkill Haven



Blue Mountain



Tamaqua

Sled Push





Schuylkill Haven



Blue Mountain



Pottsville

Overall SPEED & AGILITY Winners



Blue Mountain





North Schuylkill





Minersville



Broad Jump





Blue Mountain



North Schuylkill



Shenandoah

Farmers Carry





Blue Mountain



Minersville



North Schuylkill

Shuttle Relay





Blue Mountain



North Schuylkill



Pottsville

Passing Accuracy





Blue Mountain



North Schuylkill



Minersville

Kick Out Exhibition





Tri Valley*



North Schuylkill

**Tri Valley kicker, Nate Hillard has won this event three years in a row!*



Thank you to our Team Sponsors & Program Supporters:

- Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital & St. Luke's Hospital - Miners Campus
 - Helping Harvest
 - Hidden River Credit Union
 - J. Bertolet Volkswagen
 - Joe Gera, North Schuylkill '77
 - Knights of Columbus, Fr. Sheridan Council, Girardville
- Lehigh Valley Hospital - Schuylkill
 - M&T Bank
 - Mauch Chunk Trust Company
 - Mrs. T's Pierogies
 - Schuylkill Chapter #25 - National Football Hall of Fame
 - Tompkins Community Bank
 - Walmart D.C. #7030
 - Wegmans



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