



Schuylkill United Way

## Helping Other People Everyday

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Schuylkill News of H.O.P.E.

2023 4th Quarter Newsletter



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### LEADERSHIP

We say thank you to our outgoing  
SUW Board President

Welcoming a new President,  
2025 Campaign Chair, & Assistant  
Campaign Chair

**...and more!**



**Our fourth quarter Schuylkill News of H.O.P.E. is proudly sponsored by Lehigh Valley Hospital—Schuylkill.**



*Michele & the Hydro team at the 2023 Pacesetters Reception.*

## GRATITUDE & IMPACT



*Michele Mickonis  
President,  
SUW Board of  
Directors 2022-23*

"It has been an honor to serve as the Schuylkill United Way Board President for the past two years.

I have enjoyed **connecting** with so many people since I joined the Board in 2015, learning about those who have been positively impacted by the SUW and Partner Agency programs and **learning** about those who have positively impacted the programs by donating their time, talents, and treasures.

I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with so many individuals who are Helping Other People Everyday and look forward to **serving** the Schuylkill County community in the future."



*Enjoy a few photos from our 2024 Appreciation Breakfast held at St. Nicholas Hall on Friday, November 17th.*



R-L: Next year's Assistant Campaign Chair, Mr. Chris Dende of Mrs. T's Pierogies/Ateeco, Inc. and Campaign Chair, Mr. Mark Mikita of Wegmans.



# 2024 Campaign Awards

## The Houser Award

Each year, the Schuylkill United Way gives the prestigious **Houser Award** to the company with the highest employee and corporate combined giving. This award is named after beloved former SUW Executive Director, Clare J. Houser, Jr.

This year we congratulate HYDRO!

They took top honor with \$177,262 in contributions! Thank you for your continued commitment to Schuylkill County.



Hydro employees attending the SUW Appreciation Breakfast.

## Tiered Company Awards

### 1-200 Employees



Total Giving:  
**\$50,082**



### 201-400 Employees



Total Giving:  
**\$30,648**



### 400+ Employees



Total Giving:  
**\$162,000**



## \$18,810 raised by Child Development, Inc.

Child Development, Inc. was the top giver amongst our Partner Agencies this year. We thank them for their dedication and generosity in all they do!





# Top Campaigns



## Top 10

### Corporate, Employee, and Special Event Giving

1. Hydro	\$ 177,261
2. Wegmans Retail Service Center	\$ 162,000
3. John E. Morgan Foundation	\$ 110,000
4. St. Luke's Miners Campus/GSL	\$ 53,591
5. Bob Weaver Auto	\$ 50,082
6. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 45,900
7. Mrs. T's Pierogies	\$ 30,648
8. Shalmet	\$ 25,808
9. PPL	\$ 25,528
10. M&T Bank	\$ 23,722



## Top 5

### Corporate Giving

1. John E. Morgan Foundation	\$ 110,000
2. Hydro	\$ 26,511
3. M&T Bank	\$ 22,500
4. Wegmans	\$ 20,000
5. Evans Delivery Company, Inc.	\$ 15,000



## Top 5

### Employee & Special Event Giving

1. Hydro	\$ 150,750
2. Wegmans Retail Service Center	\$ 142,000
3. St. Luke's Miners Campus/GSL	\$ 53,591
4. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 45,900
5. Bob Weaver Auto	\$ 43,082



# \$28,500

Our Golf Tournament Committee outdid themselves again in 2023. Charles Ladd, IV and Chris Cohoon spearhead these fundraisers and surpassed last year's total by over \$5,000. They were recognized at our Appreciation Breakfast for the largest amount raised through a special event.





# TOP 5 COMPANIES WITH THE MOST PACESETTERS



**205 PACESETTERS**  
giving \$117,949



**149 PACESETTERS**  
giving \$84,087



**70 PACESETTERS**  
giving \$49,340



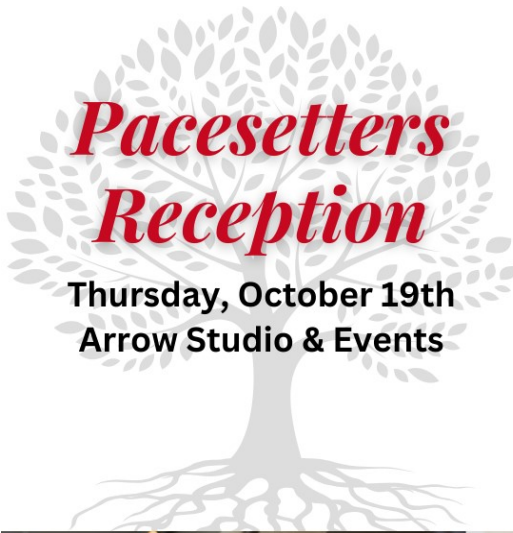
**63 PACESETTERS**  
giving \$44,912



**16 PACESETTERS**  
giving \$8,320







# ***Pacesetters Reception***

Thursday, October 19th  
Arrow Studio & Events

Pacesetters do just that - they set the pace for our annual campaign by giving a minimum of \$500.

The SUW Pacesetters Club is chaired by Mr. Patrick Kane.

- Currently there are **774 Pacesetters**.
- **96 are new** for the 2024 Campaign.
- They **contributed \$604,500 (or 53%)** of our campaign total!



Mr. Patrick Kane,  
Chair of the SUW Pacesetters Club





*Congratulations*

to our grand prize winner....



**Mohammad F.  
of Wegmans!!**



**Grand Prize: 2023 Ford Escape (\$28,000 value)**  
courtesy of Sands Ford of Pottsville

**Car Sponsors: Bob Weaver Auto, J. Bertolet Volkswagen,  
Rinaldi Family Dealerships, and  
Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, LLC.**



**\$1,600 Vacation Package  
Stan P. of Wegmans**



**\$1,800 Ariens Snow Blower  
Barbara W. of  
Co-County Wellness**



*Congrats*  
**WINNERS!**

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OTHER  
PEOPLE  
EVERYDAY**



*Thank you*  
**DONORS!**



**\$1,500 Gift Card**  
David K. of Wegmans

**\$1,000 Gift Card**  
Aaron L. of Wegmans

**\$750 Gift Card**  
Jeffrey M. of Wegmans

**\$500 Gift Card**  
Joan K. of Wegmans

**\$250 Gift Card**  
Eric B. of Wegmans

**Hadesty's**



**Hydro**

**\$500 Weber Gas Grill**  
Ingrid M. of  
Schuylkill County

**\$500 iPad**  
Pam S. of  
Blue Mountain School District



HUGE thanks to Dollar General for the largest increase in company giving. They gave \$7,500 more than last year's campaign!



**Welcome!**  
Receiving the award for Dollar General is Mr. John Gleisner.  
We also welcomed Mr. Gleisner as our **incoming President** of the SUW Board of Directors!!



The Schuylkill United Way is dedicated to providing funding, guidance and encouragement to our partner agencies who help people throughout Schuylkill County by way of a variety of programs and services.



**American Red Cross**  
610-375-4383

**Avenues/Founded as UCP in 1952**  
570-622-7920

**Big Impact Group of Schuylkill County**  
570-622-0174

**Boy Scouts of America/Hawk Mtn. Council**  
610-926-3406

**Child Development, Inc.**  
570-544-8959

**Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council, YES Northeast Certificate Program**  
570-622-0940

**Nurse-Family Partnership**  
484-772-2360

**The Salvation Army/Pottsville Corps**  
570-622-5252

**Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center (SARCC)**  
570-628-2965

**Schuylkill County Society for Pediatric Orthopedics (formerly Crippled Children)**  
570-622-7170

**Schuylkill Wellness Services**  
570-622-3980

**Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence**  
Office: 570-622-3991 \*24/7 Hotline: 570.622.6220

**Schuylkill YMCA**  
570-622-7850

**Tamaqua Area Meals on Wheels**  
570-449-8271

**Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center**  
570-668-6556



# End of the Year Happenings...



Becky conducted mock interviews at Mahanoy Area High School with NEPA MAEC's YES Program.



Employees from Amazon - Bethel donated & delivered 60 new winter coats for our Partner Agencies!



Christine talked with MANY students at the Pine Grove Career Fair in November!



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish one and all a very happy  
holiday season!

Our office will be closed  
December 22, 2023 at noon and  
will reopen January 2, 2024.

2024 SUW Calendar

