



Schuylkill United Way

Helping Other People Everyday

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Schuylkill News of H.O.P.E.

2024 4th Quarter Newsletter

Largest Campaign Ever!



Photos by David McKeown, Republican Herald



Thank
You!

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

'Tis the Season of H.O.P.E.



Mark Mikita, Wegmans
SUW 2025 Campaign Chair

Truly amazing! That's the only way I can describe the past year of serving as the SUW's 2025 Campaign Chair.

Coming off a year where we fell a little short, we knew our campaign goal was ambitious. That made it all the more rewarding when we learned we were going to surpass our goal! On behalf of the SUW Board of Directors and staff, I send sincere thanks to each Pacesetter, each donor and each supporter who made this year such a success!

Being on our Tour of H.O.P.E. and getting an up-close look at the day-to-day work of our Partner Agencies makes this year more meaningful for me. What an education! Truly seeing how the money raised directly impacts those served, hearing the stories, and being with the staff brought it all to life. Helping Other People Everyday is a completely accurate motto.

Of course, I would be remiss not to thank my partner-in-crime and Assistant Campaign Chair, Chris Dende. It was a blast doing the Mark & Chris Show with him. His energy and passion for Schuylkill County are unparalleled. I can't imagine doing the work this past year without all the laughter and genuine support he provided. Thanks buddy!

In closing, thank you for filling the new year with H.O.P.E. for our county! With your support, SUW and our Partner Agencies will continue Helping Other People Everyday.

Warm regards,

Mark A Mikita

*Enjoy a few photos from our
2025 Campaign Appreciation Breakfast held at
St. Nicholas Hall on Friday, November 15th.*



2025 Campaign Awards

The Houser Award

Each year, the Schuylkill United Way gives the prestigious **Houser Award** to the company with the highest employee, corporate, and special gifts 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 \$181,030 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:
\$51,408

201-400 Employees



Total Giving:
\$34,898

400+ Employees



Total Giving:
\$166,000

\$19,651 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!



Company with the Largest Increase

HUGE thanks to Air Products for the largest increase in company giving. They contributed \$15,500 more than last year's campaign!

Top Campaigns



Top 10

Corporate, Employee, and Special Event Giving

1. Hydro	\$ 181,549
2. Wegmans Retail Service Center	\$ 166,000
3. John E. Morgan Foundation	\$ 120,000
4. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 57,600
5. Bob Weaver Auto	\$ 51,408
6. St. Luke's Miners Campus/GSL	\$ 35,313
7. Mrs. T's Pierogies	\$ 34,898
8. PPL, Inc.	\$ 30,800
9. Shalmet	\$ 27,551
10. M&T Bank	\$ 25,002



Top 5 Corporate Giving

1. John E. Morgan Foundation	\$ 120,000
2. Hydro	\$ 25,000
3. M&T Bank	\$ 22,000
4. Wegmans	\$ 20,000
5. PPL, Inc.	\$ 15,400



Top 5 Employee & Special Event Giving

1. Hydro	\$ 156,549
2. Wegmans Retail Service Center	\$ 146,000
3. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 57,600
4. Bob Weaver Auto	\$ 44,408
5. St. Luke's Miners Campus/GSL	\$ 35,313



Billie Payne Lifetime Achievement Award

"The leader who shares experience ensures a bright future and leaves a legacy of success. Thank you for your unwavering service to the Schuylkill United Way."

These words are engraved on the Billie Payne Lifetime Achievement Award that was proudly presented to Dominic Sylvester at our annual Appreciation Breakfast. With the spirit of selfless community dedication and servant leadership that Billie Payne possessed, Dominic's decades of service to community, church, family, and work culture at Bob Weaver Auto were highlighted during the presentation. Dominic's family surprised him, joining him on stage when former SUW Board Member, Bob Weaver, announced his name as this year's recipient.

Congratulations and thank you Dominic for all you do for and with Schuylkill United Way and our county!!



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Top 5 companies based on

Pacesetters



214 PACESETTERS
giving \$125,981



166 PACESETTERS
giving \$94,800



71 PACESETTERS
giving \$50,004



Geisinger StLuke's



42 PACESETTERS
giving \$30,746



Shalmet

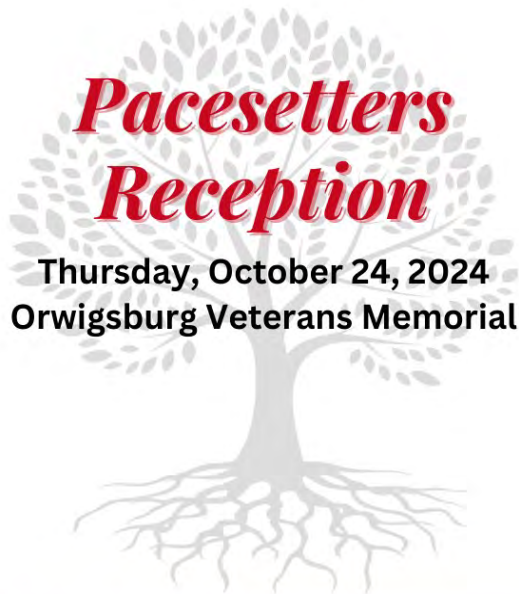


26 PACESETTERS
giving \$15,820



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.



Pacesetters Reception

**Thursday, October 24, 2024
Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial**

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Schuylkill United Way Pacesetters Club. Since its inception, members have generously donated over \$10,000,000 to support our work!

Currently there are 812 Pacesetters - 137 of whom are new members this year. They contributed \$662,201 (or 53%) of our campaign total!



CONGRATULATIONS!



An employee of
Hydro won the
grand prize!

Grand Prize: 2024 Volkswagen Taos S (\$28,000 value)
courtesy of J. Bertolet Volkswagen

Car Sponsors: Bob Weaver Auto, Rinaldi Family
Dealerships, Sands Ford of Pottsville, and
Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, LLC.



**\$1,600 Vacation Package
Greg S. of Shalmet**



**\$1,200 Craftsman Snow Blower
Margie K. of Wegmans**

Congrats
WINNERS!



Thank you
DONORS!



\$1,500 Gift Card
Ryan Z. of Wegmans

\$1,000 Gift Card
Stewart D. of Wegmans

\$750 Gift Card
Matthew L. of Hydro

\$500 Gift Card
Pamela L.

\$250 Gift Card
Halia B. of Hydro

Hadesty's **ACE**
HARDWARE


Hydro

\$500 Weber Gas Grill
Brian A. of
Wegmans

\$500 iPad
Nicole W. of
Hydro

\$25,000 raised by annual SUW Golf Tournaments!

For 19 years, the SUW-Hometown Golf Tournaments have been staples on our calendars. They are days of reconnecting and fun while supporting our work and the many programs and services of our Partner Agencies. Thank you Charles Ladd, IV and Chris Cohoon for again leading these engaging fundraisers, resulting in \$25,000 this year!



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.



End of the Year Happenings...



Mike conducted mock interviews at Blue Mountain High School with NEPA MAEC's Y.E.S. Program.



Employees from **Yuengling** donated & delivered new & gently used winter items for our Partner Agencies!



Becky and Mike enjoyed talking with students at the St. Clair Career Fair at the end of November.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish one and all a very happy
and healthy holiday season!

Our office will be closed
December 23, 2024 and will
reopen January 2, 2025.

2025 SUW
Calendar of Events!

