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THE SOLIDARITY IMPACT
United Way of Jackson County Labor Newsletter

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What is the Solidarity Impact?
Welcome to our Labor newsletter! I’ve created this space for us to share news across area Locals of the important contributions our Unions are making in Jackson County. I’ll share upcoming events, campaign news, community service projects and calls for help. If you want to highlight how your Local is making a difference in our community please email me at: csullivan@uwjackson.org

Upcoming UCAN—UNITY School
Union Community Action Network with a twist

Presenting:  

U.N.I.T.Y.

Union Network Initiative Together with Youth

This year’s program will bring area youth to the table not only to help them understand the value of giving back but to experience the value of organized labor. Adults in represented fields will partner with youth from Pathways and Jackson High on an 8 week journey of Labor History, volunteerism, training, and a peak inside some local non profits.

Thursdays from 6-8pm
Jan. 23rd - March 12th

Thank You to our Brothers and Sisters of IBEW 252 & USW 8339 for helping United Way of Jackson County launch our new Dislocated Worker Fund which was started during the GM strike. Donations have resulted in the creation of a small emergency Labor food bank that is ready to respond to a worker dislocation event. We will continue to grow this fund so that we can meet the unique needs of Labor when it comes to food and utility help during an interruption of work.

Your Local can donate online here: http://uwjackson.org/eliminating-poverty-together/ and selecting “displaced workers fund”

Or by making check’s payable to United Way of Jackson County w/Displaced Worker Fund written in the memo line.

The CSC is looking for representatives from area locals to have a seat at the table. This United Way group determines how to raise and spend special funds and plans community impact work on behalf of Labor. Past efforts have included the ramp building program and popular spaghetti dinner.

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“There is no power in the world that can stop the forward march of free men and women when they are joined in the solidarity of human brotherhood.”
-Walter Reuther
We need **YOU** to help children

-Stay in Closer Touch-

with their parents

Now accepting volunteers for this innovative program that sends participants into correctional facilities to record the voices of parents reading to their children. These recordings are then delivered to youth who benefit from the experience of having their parent read to them. Volunteers must be able to pass a background check. Please contact your United Way Labor Liaison to take part in this exciting new program.

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United Way of Jackson County fights for the Financial Stability of ALL Jackson County residents. Our longstanding partnership with Labor allows us to shine a spotlight on the important role Unions play in raising wages and giving back to the community. We invite all Union members to build on that legacy and join in our work by supporting United Way. Learn more at uwjackson.org.

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**It’s not too late to be a part of this year’s campaign!**

If your Local or worksite hasn’t run a campaign yet let us know.

Call AFL-CIO Labor Liaison Colleen Sullivan at 517.796.5121 to get your United Way labor campaign going today.

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**Is your Local an HVALF Affiliate?**

The Huron Valley Area Labor Federation formed on April 1, 2016, bringing together the Huron Valley Central Labor Council of Washtenaw and Livingston Counties with Jackson and Hillsdale.

HVALF is an important way to stay United and Connected to our local Labor movement. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

If your Local isn’t one of the 51 area affiliates contact Conner Wood at (989) 444-9151 to find out how to join.