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United Way of Susquehanna County Recognizes Community Volunteers

{New Milford, PA} On Tuesday, April 17th, in celebration of National Volunteer Recognition week, United Way of Susquehanna County (UWSC) hosted a recognition lunch at SCCTC with the culinary students serving up an exceptional meal as part of the celebration. Volunteers from the UWSC Advisory and Allocation Committees and Real Men Read MENtors and assistants were on hand for this special event as thanks for each of their contributions.

If you ask United Way to put a price on its volunteers, it's hard to do so. In fact, our volunteers are worth their weight in gold. However, the *Independent Sector* has managed to numerically state how valuable volunteers are. Volunteer time is worth \$24.69 per hour on average across the United States. In PA specifically, the number is \$24.35 per hour. The trend is that volunteer time is worth more each year across the United States. There are 63 million volunteers across the United States.

United Way knows its volunteers are invaluable. The work they do to build our community, help our neighbors, and improve the future is vital to the United Way of Susquehanna County mission.

Members of the advisory and allocation committees guide the organization while assisting with such matters as fundraising, financial oversight, agency allocation and direction-setting.

With the launch of Real Men Read at Elk Lake Schools, our male reading volunteers and assistants did an outstanding job. Principal Marc Weisgold offered the following praise to those who generously offered their time to read to kindergarteners who so enjoyed the experience, "Thank you very much to the MENtors and assistants for volunteering their time. The fact that each student receives a copy of the book read to them was a big hit and added bonus. We love it!"

UWSC would like to extend a special thanks to this year's volunteer campaign chair, Gail George, owner of Liberty Carpet for serving.

Following is a list of all of the UWSC community volunteers: Tom Chamberlain, Tammy Bonnice, Dr. Alice Davis, David Passetti, Kim Smith, Rich Mackey, Terri Allen, Jamie Orlandini, Joel Levy, Gail George, Ruth Burke, Cassidy Robinson, Sara Armetta, Brian Lione, Bryce Powers III, Brian Manzer, Zachary Morahan, David Palmer, Louis Duarte, Christopher Stephens, Duane Naugle, Patrick O'Brien and Douglas Sivers.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact UWSC at 570-465-3868.

Pictured: Front Row Left to Right: Robin Cobb, Principal Marc Weisgold, Kim Merithew, Dr. Alice Davis, Tiffany Benedict, AlleyWhite, Kim Smith

Back Row Left to Right: Tom Chamberlain, Joel Levy Rich Mackey, Bryce Powers III, Brian Manzer, Doug Sivers