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## **United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania**

### **AFL-CIO Community Services Report**

*Spring, 2003*

**Pat Eiding, President**      **Christine James Brown, CEO**  
*Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO*      *United Way of Southeastern PA*

#### **Community Services Co-Chairpersons**

James Cummins, President RWDSU Local 1034  
R. Thurston Hyman, President H.E.R.E. Local 274

**Staff person:** Janet Ryder, Director Labor Participation  
7 Benjamin Franklin Parkway ▼ Philadelphia, PA 19103

### **Find Community Services On the Web!**

Activities of the community services committee and the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO can be found on the Internet. Go to; [www.uwsepa.org](http://www.uwsepa.org) Click network of agencies. Then click Labor participation and it will take you to the smiling photo of Pat Eiding and Bob Hinson (Painters Local 21) at last year's Day of Caring event.

### **Campaign for Working Families a Success!**

- 325 trained tax prep volunteers
  - 4,526 tax returns filed
  - 1,900 taxpayers were able to file for Earned Income Tax Credit,
  - \$6.9 million in federal refunds
  - 9,000+ calls to the information hotline
- April 15<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching.**  
**Call 215 686.2599 to find the tax site nearest you.**

### **Cover the Uninsured Week**

Funded by the Robert Wood Foundation, the AFL-CIO, United Way, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations sponsored Cover the Uninsured Week March 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Philadelphia along with 36 other cities nationwide, hosted a series of town hall meetings, press conferences, health fairs and other events to raise public awareness to the plight of the more than 41 million Americans who lack health insurance. Henry Nicholas, 1199C President, made eloquent presentations at both the press conference and business and labor roundtable, highlighting the fact that government should develop a universal health system for everyone.

### **New Legislation proposed for the Uninsured**

Senator Vincent Hughes (D-7) Held a press conference in Harrisburg during Cover the Uninsured Week. He would like to propose legislation for uninsured Pennsylvanians. To get more information on how to assist him in getting co-signers onto this important legislation, contact his Philadelphia office directly at; 215. 471 0490

## Community Service Opportunities

### ▪ Employers Needed to hire High School Youth for the summer

The Youth Council of the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board is asking employers to invest in its youth by providing them with opportunities to strengthen their work readiness skills and to prepare for tomorrow's workforce. **We are seeking union locals and other employers who are willing to accept student workers into their workplaces for the summer.**

#### ▪ Student work hours

20 hours per week

Mon - Thurs

5 hours per day for 6 wks.

Cost to the employer: \$1,000

Philadelphia Youth Network (PYN) will handle all the payroll and paperwork.

You may interview the potential student prior to his/her appointment.

*More information*

**Carol Austin 215.875.3637**

**Deadline: May 15, 2003**

### ▪ National Association of Letter Carriers (N.A.L.C.) Food Drive

The 11th annual N.A.L.C. National Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. On that day, letter carriers throughout the nation will collect non-perishable food from donation mailboxes along their routes in the nation's largest one-day effort to help "Stamp Out Hunger." Once again the Campbell Soup Company and the U.S. Postal Service are leading the way in corporate sponsorship and will fund the mailing of 100 million postcards that will be mailed to

customers just before the drive. Please support the largest effort of its kind nationwide. Local chairperson, Tim Whelan, (NALC Local 157) will be coordinating this effort. Please remind union members and neighbors to place canned goods at their mail drop on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!**  
*By attending the UCAN training, WE CAN learn to become better advocates for working families both in the workplace and in our own communities.*

## Union Leadership Academy Union Counselor Activist Network (UCAN) Training

**Starts Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**United Way of Southeastern PA**  
**7 Benjamin Franklin Parkway**  
**PHL, PA**  
**6 - 8:30 PM**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>; April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>;**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Class fee: \$50.00**

Payable to:

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**Topics:** The United Way and AFL-CIO partnership • Communications skills development • Workplace safety • Community mapping and organizing for change • Coalition building • Who is the Red Cross • Community resource identification and referral services • Politics and the economy •

