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United Neighborhood Centers Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week

Scranton, PA – From serving meals to organizing trips and parties, senior volunteers are truly the heart **and soul of United Neighborhood Centers' (UNC) Senior Community Centers**. During volunteer appreciation week, UNC celebrated its senior volunteers, one person at a time, for their dedication to the community; dedication that keeps each of its centers running day-in and day-out. The agency hosted a volunteer recognition dinner where each volunteer received a small gift, and agency representatives visited each center throughout the week to present seniors with a certificate of appreciation.



Senior volunteers at the South Side Senior Center gathered after receiving certificates from Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty. Pictured are (l-r) back row: Mayor Chris Doherty, Lisa Durkin, UNC Deputy Executive Director, Cathy Ann Hardaway, UNC Director of Older Adult Programs, Joan Conroy, Bill Keib, and Michael Hanley, UNC Executive Director; second row: Wendy Carlin, Center Manager, Joy Markowski, Chester Pacini, and Rita Wentline; seated: Mina Vargas, Dolores Czekalksi, Lois Conway.



West Side Senior Center members and presenters included (l-r) back row: Laurie Fleming, Center Manager, and Paul Walters; second row: Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty, Larry Parlo, Adeline Ray, Warren Schmidt, Anne Dougherty, Charlie VanValen, Beverly Ellis, Andy Evanick, Elizabeth Kloss, Ed Sporko, Paul Durdan, Joe Plastrelli, Fred Battaglia, Tom Jones, Michael Hanley, UNC Executive Director; front row: Paulette McGraw, Anita LaRussa, Walter David, Rose VAnVAlen, Adele Garofalo, Lucille Paulick, Ziggy Levandoski, Rose Zera, and Rose Miller.

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Volunteers from the Mid Valley Senior Center were (l-r) standing: Eleanor Fagotti, Mary Benovitch, Dolly Goodwin, Pat Coyle, Center Manager, Lovie Howarth, Nancy Emm, Gen Kowalchick, Ludy Baldan, Katie Ricci, Pauline Hallisky, Terry Tarasar, Cathy Ann Hardaway, UNC Director of Older Adult Programs, Cheryl McKeen, Joann Mattise, Carol Schott, Lisa Durkin, UNC Deputy Executive Director, and Michael Hanley, UNC Executive Director; seated: Mary Incelli, Ann Pavlisko, Maggie Kohut, Helen Kundrat, Louise Betacchini, Barb Kucha, and Ann Marie Boyko



Gathered at the Carbondale Senior Center are (l-r) back row: Michael Hanley, UNC Executive Director, Lisa Durkin, UNC Deputy Executive Director, and Cathy Ann Hardaway, UNC Director of Older Adult Programs; front row: Ann Farrell, Carolyn Kuntzman, Elsie Mussari, Jennie Collins, Kathy Sacco and Sue Pfahl, Center Manager.

About United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA

*United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a private, not-for-profit, grass-roots United Way agency that offers direct and general advocacy services for youth, singles, families and senior citizens in combination with programs that foster independence and self-sufficiency. **The agency's mission is to work together with neighbors to provide services and create opportunities which empower individuals and build strong interdependent communities.***

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