

United Way provides toy trucks for Project Connect



UPS Manager, Doug Hall, and United Way Director, Martha Lancaster, inspect some of the 300 toy trucks that will be distributed at Project Connect. (Courtesy photo)

Local children attending Project Connect on February 5 will receive a gift of toy trucks, thanks to the Association of Plastic Engineers, Char-Em United Way, and UPS.

“We learned that the Association of Plastic Engineers was donating 15,000 toy trucks through the Michigan Association of United Ways for local distribution, and decided to get as many as we could for our community,” explains Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. “We plan to distribute them to kids and parents attending Project Connect.”

Doug Hall, Manager of the northern Michigan UPS office arranged to pick up the trucks in Lansing and deliver them at no cost to the United Ways in Petoskey, Alpena, Cheboygan, and Gaylord.

Project Connect is a free day of services for anyone in need in our community. It will be held Thursday, February 5 from 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall on Charlevoix Ave. in Petoskey. Volunteers and donations of other items are still needed.

“We were very happy to serve as an intermediary for this donation,” continues Lancaster. “Most people know that United Way raises funds to invest in area agencies, but many don’t know that we are involved in many other activities, as well.”

For more information about Project Connect or United Way, contact 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.