

## COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

*Summary of 3/31/20 virtual meeting*

### Volunteerism

- Continue to use the specific area on the Volunteer Center website for listing COVID-19 related volunteer opportunities.
  - Virtual volunteer opportunities are strongly encouraged at this time.
- Grocery deliveries can be listed on the volunteer center through agencies and not individuals directly, to prevent people taking advantage of others.
- Continuing the “Wish List” area of the volunteer center for nonprofits to list the tangible needs.
  - Email Lee Anne Raleigh ([leeanne@uwofsc.org](mailto:leeanne@uwofsc.org)) to submit your wish list of items and drop off site to be uploaded to the Volunteer Center website.

#### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **United Way** will continue assisting in making connections between businesses and agencies with regards to the wish list items. (Visit the [Volunteer Center Website](#) for updated listings.)
- 2) **Nonprofit agencies** will submit wish list items directly to Lee Anne via email: [leeanne@uwofsc.org](mailto:leeanne@uwofsc.org). Volunteer opportunities can be uploaded through the volunteer center website, but if nonprofits need assistance in uploading their volunteer opportunities they can also reach out to Lee Anne.

### Resources and Community Needs

- MHA COVID-19 Resource Card is getting one last approval before being ready to be given out to the public.
  - Printed copies will be given out by request for organizations and businesses that can get them out to community members (such as the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels in food deliveries)
- Additional resources will continue to be added to the [www.uwofsc.org](http://www.uwofsc.org) website under the COVID-19 Community Resource page.
- Discussion around WIC’s current needs for clients, as some are unable to get to a grocery store. Possibility of the Food Bank dropping off at the WIC office or having an organization, such as the Gibbsville church group making deliveries.
  - List of items that can be purchased with WIC benefits to be sent to the group.
  - Messaging for public education about what items they be aware are WIC food items, so they do not purchase those items if they do not need them.
- Meals on Wheels’ has no age requirement to qualify and the cost is \$6.50 a meal, with the ability to pay for the meal with food stamps. In addition, Meals on Wheels works with other organizations which will provide funding for those who cannot pay.
- Salvation Army updated that they are no longer having appointments for their food pantry and that individuals can send a proxy with a note if they are unable to pick up their food.
- Food Bank updated that all other food pantries are drive thru and have no intake process at this time. Salvation Army and Random Lake pantries are not drive thru.
- The state is focused on connecting essential workers to childcare and Family Connections is reaching out to essential workers in need of childcare to find out their needs and refer.

- LOVE Inc has started to receive calls from individuals who are unable to pay their rent.
  - Tenants cannot be evicted during this time, but that does not mean the tenant won't have to backpay rent once the eviction restriction is lifted.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters was hearing concerns about individuals being able to pay for prescription medications.
  - GoodRX and FamilyWize are options for reducing the cost of the prescription at the pharmacy. (FamilyWize Flyers: [FW-Printable-Info-Flyer-English.pdf](#) | [FW-Printable-Info-Flyer-Spanish.pdf](#))
  - Salvation Army has a prescription financial assistance program that provides assistance with prescription costs, prescription glasses, eye exams, hearing aids and diabetic prescriptions. (Additional information: call 920-458-3723.)
  - Mental Health America has a program that provides assistance with any psychotropic medication, such as depression or ADHD prescriptions.

#### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **United Way** will send out the Resource Card via email once it has received final approval.
- 2) **United Way** will research into if the CARES Act can provide assistance for property owners or landlords.
- 3) **Jessica with HHS** will follow up on WIC information and send it over to United Way to be shared out. (Update: [Click here for the WIC approved items.](#))
- 4) **Mental Health America** will be listing all of the AA/NA meetings on their website today.
- 5) **United Way** will continue adding resources to the COVID-19 Community Resource page on uwofsc.org.
- 6) **United Way** will be continuing conversations with other organizations outside of the nonprofit sector to gauge interest in starting a public COVID-19 Resource website and will give an update at the next call.
- 7) **Agencies** can update their agency's information on the Google spreadsheet through the [survey link](#). This is an internal document to assist agencies in understanding available resources. (To view survey results, follow [this link](#).)
- 8) **Agencies** should update their information in the 211 database. ([Click here to fill out the online form.](#))  
*\*Make sure you verify your email or else your listing may not be found.*

### CARES Act

- \$349 billion in a pool of funds nationally for small businesses and nonprofits.
  - Loan program that will allow nonprofits and businesses to receive loan forgiveness, as long as the organization follows the outlined loan guidelines.
  - Currently, it is being reported that applications for the loans will go live by Friday.
- Additionally, a \$300 non-itemized deduction for charitable giving for 2020 tax returns was included in the Act.

#### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **United Way** will research and gather information about the CARES Act to be sent in a follow up email. (UPDATE: Click here for the [4.1.20 United Way CARES Act Overview](#).)
- 2) **Nonprofit agencies** can send helpful information they have about CARES Act to Kate, so she can include it in a summary. Email Kate at: [kate@uwofsc.org](mailto:kate@uwofsc.org). (Visit UWSC's [Nonprofit Support page](#) for updated resources.)

### COVID-19 Relief Fund

- Nine organizations have received funds totaling \$31,800

- Current fund focus is on phase one funding, which is looking to provide fund organizations that are serving individuals immediately and disproportionality suffering due to COVID-19, so they can meet basic needs.
- The Fund Distribution Team will circle back and review the applications for organizations which did not receive their full fund request, if there are additional funds available moving forward, while still being cognizant of applications that are still coming in.
- Questions should be directed to Gina and/or Emily at United Way.

## Questions?

- **Nonprofit Response Network** | Kate Baer ([kate@uwofsc.org](mailto:kate@uwofsc.org))
- **Relief Fund Applications** | Gina Covelli ([gina@uwofsc.org](mailto:gina@uwofsc.org))
- **Relief Fund Contributions** | Emily Kaiser ([emily@uwofsc.org](mailto:emily@uwofsc.org))
- **Community Resource Marketing & Outreach** | Katelyn Piper ([katelyn@uwofsc.org](mailto:katelyn@uwofsc.org))
- **Volunteer Opportunities** | Lee Anne Raleigh ([leeanne@uwofsc.org](mailto:leeanne@uwofsc.org))

For immediate questions regarding COVID-19, contact our local public health department at 920-459-0321.