

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 4/28/20 virtual meeting

Reminder: The process to apply for funds remains the same. Apply or re-apply for phase one (immediate needs) of funding as the Fund Distribution Team continues to review requests quickly. ([Click here for the application.](#))

Volunteerism

- Virtual volunteer opportunities continue to be encouraged. Remember to post those on Volunteer Center's website or contact Lee Anne for assistance to post.
- Lee Anne will be checking in to see how wish list items are being fulfilled. Continue to reach out to her to add/update your wish list items.
- Lee Anne will reach out to nonprofits regarding physical volunteer opportunities hosted after work hours (9-5).
- The Volunteer Center Network met last week (4.22.20).
 - [Click here for the meeting summary](#)
 - [Click here for the PDF shared on engaging volunteers virtually](#)
- Spirit Award winners are being finalized. A virtual event is tentatively scheduled for May 20. A press release will be out by Thursday.

ACTION STEPS:

1) Nonprofit agencies:

- a. Email Lee Anne Raleigh (leeanne@uwofsc.org) for help uploading/updating your volunteer opportunities and/or wish list items.
- b. Continue adding and updating your volunteer opportunities online.

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- MHA's COVID-19 Community Resource Card has been printed in Spanish. If you are unable to print your own, contact MHA at info@mh Asheboygan.org with a printing request (include quantity and if you would like any Spanish versions).
 - Click here for [ENGLISH](#) or [SPANISH](#) updated versions.
- UWSC continues to utilize www.sheboygancountystrong.com as the originally discussed "community website" for COVID-19 resources.
- Reminder: Sheboygan County Strong campaign started with billboards throughout the county directing people to SheboyganCountyStrong.com, which is a landing page on United Way's website for how to get help, give help, community updates and the COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network. Please continue to share out the website and use the #SheboyganCountyStrong.
- Please continue sending updates for UWSC's [COVID-19 Community Resource page](#).

ACTION STEPS:

1) United Way will connect with Safe Harbor regarding Hmong resources.

2) Nonprofit agencies:

- a. Share out the SheboyganCountyStrong website and hashtag.
- b. Update 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.*

Open Discussion – Community Needs

- **Check-in: Feminine Hygiene:**
 - A meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday, May 1, to continue the discussion in a smaller working group. If you would like to be invited to the meeting, reach out to Emily Kaiser at United Way (emily@uwofsc.org).
- **Check-in: Housing Coalition/Homeless population**
 - Salvation Army does have rooms available and their residents are able to stay at the shelter during daytime hours.
 - Housing Coalition discussed the possibility of an after-hours program utilizing hotel/motel vouchers. Emily Kunde from RAYS is working to get a template MOU from Manitowoc County, which runs a very successful after-hours program. After reviewing the MOU, the housing coalition will determine if this is something we can move forward with and invite community partners to the table, including law enforcement and hotels/motels, to discuss details (funding, distribution of vouchers, hotel/motel rates and needs, etc.)
- **Check-in: Unemployment/Stimulus Check assistance**
 - Consumer Credit Counseling can provide unemployment support to their guardian clients only. They are providing guidance to anyone regarding the stimulus check.
- **General Discussion of client needs:**
 - **Computer Needs**
 - Matricia (Family Connections) reported that some smaller childcare centers are struggling to access resources because they do not have access to computers. Recommendation to utilize smart phones when available and connecting to Reboot Sheboygan for possible computer donations.
 - **Food/General hygiene**
 - The Pandemic EBT was shared on the call. [Click here for more information regarding this resource for households on free or reduced lunch.](#)
 - RAYS is delivering roughly 20-25 food boxes to youth throughout the county every week. Emily reported they will likely need volunteers to assist as their interns are wrapping up. They are also collaborating with the Boys and Girls Club to ensure the Club kids have food.
 - Pam (LOVE INC) reported 4 churches that are able to deliver the food bank boxes. (Locations include: Gibberville 'Goffers', Plymouth, Sheboygan Falls, and Sheboygan)
 - SCIO has excess diapers in smaller sizes available. They also have some excess hygiene items they could share with other agencies in need of hygiene items. RAYS also has excess of certain hygiene items they are willing to share.
 - **ACTION STEPS:**
 - **UWSC** will reach out to Reboot Sheboygan regarding possible computer donations.
 - **UWSC** will follow up with Housing Coalition regarding potential after-hours program.
 - **UWSC** will report out following the May 1 feminine hygiene discussion.
 - **Nonprofit agencies:** Reach out to [Kate Baer](#) for additional topics that you would like to be discussed in this area.

Open Discussion – Agency/Staffing Needs

- [Kate Baer](#) reported that she received several requests for professional development around fundraising during the time of COVID-19. UWSC will share resources gathered with nonprofits and SANN. Kate added that it is entirely up to each organization to determine its own fundraising approach, but best practice is to continue to reach out to donors, and be transparent with your needs and current situation.
- The Sheboygan County Chamber held a discussion on best practices regarding the Badger Bounce Back. The recording is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=750989702102697>.
- Nonprofit Capacity survey from Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management at UW-Milwaukee: <https://uwm.edu/hbi/research/survey/>
- UWSC plans to reach out to agencies that might not be open to the public currently to see what needs they have at this time.

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **UWSC** will share resources on the topic of fundraising best practices during COVID-19 with the group. UWSC will also reach out to Sheboygan Area Nonprofit Network (SANN) to inquire if they have resources to share out as well and let them know this is an area of professional development need.
- 2) **BBBS** (Denise W.) can share resources regarding fundraising during COVID-19 from BBBS Wisconsin. Contact her: denise@bbbssc.org or (480) 201-5788
- 3) **Nonprofit agencies:** reach out to [Kate Baer](#) for additional professional development & training topics for your staff and teams as well as any additional topics that you would like discussed
- 4) **Reminder:**
 - a. As you plan your events, fill this form out for access to a shared Google Calendar: <https://forms.gle/pC66ixg9kAuKR5rJ6>.
 - b. As your events are finalized, post event details on Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce: <https://business.sheboygan.org/events/public-submission>

Upcoming Event Updates/Other Notes

- (MHA) May is Mental Health Awareness Month. <https://mhanational.org/mental-health-month>
- (MHA) Virtual Candid Coffee Hour with MHA on Thursday, May 7 from 3-4PM. <https://us02web.zoon.us/j/84116274960>
- (Sheboygan Co. Chamber) Virtual Concert May 8 at Limelight Pub, supporting SheboyganCountyStrong.com, local businesses, and the Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund: <https://www.facebook.com/events/516374885703664/>
- (Above & Beyond and Sheboygan Historical Museum) May Day Basket Campaign on Friday, May 1 <https://www.facebook.com/events/1456937047810407/>
- (Family Connections) Online training for strengthening families with Family Connections.
- (Family Connections) CPC is working on online training for Parent Café (pilot next month). Looking to start up in June.
- (ADRC) First virtual call for caregivers group. Caregiver connect is through zoom meeting now. Call specialists still open/available. Alzheimers Association is now virtual as well.
- WI Council Services (Paul – LOVE INC Grace Church) is putting together best practices for opening guidelines for churches. Add this as a resource share at future calls.
- Winter Farmers Market will occur on Saturdays throughout May, 9:30-11:30, drive-thru style, at FCC Sheboygan – First Congregational Church UCC.

- Boy Scouts, Bay Lakes Council, provided information about scouting at home and virtual campfire opportunities: <https://baylakesbsa.org/scouting-at-home/> and https://www.facebook.com/BayLakesCouncil/?ref=br_rs
- REINS shared the Support Dairy #DairyStrong yard signs that can be purchased for \$10 each and the proceeds support the Sheboygan County Food Bank [For the Dairy Strong Facebook Page click here.](#)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – Share out about becoming a mentor: [image 1](#) and [image 2](#)
- Salvation Army Emotional & Spiritual Care – [Click here for a sharable image.](#)

Questions?

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

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