

COMMUNITY UNITED

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY UPDATE 4.8.20

As social distancing and self-quarantines become our temporary normal due to COVID-19, we're collectively facing new economic challenges. Thanks to the community's support, United Way of Sheboygan County (UWSC) continues to respond to evolving needs through the **Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund**, the **COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network**, **resource collecting and disseminating for those in need**, and efforts through the **Volunteer Center**.

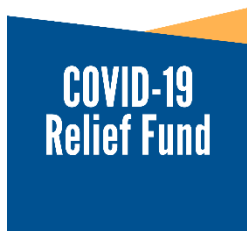
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For the history of UWSC's initial response, [click here](#).

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY COVID-19 RELIEF FUND



DOLLARS RAISED

As our community copes with the unprecedented challenges presented by COVID-19, we are grateful for the support from individuals and businesses.

To date, the **Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund has raised over \$87,000** to address the acute needs of community members disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak.

GRANTS AWARDED

Total Grants Awarded (as of 4.7.20): \$39,800

Sheboygan County Food Bank (\$5,000)

Purchase food to distribute to pantries.

Meals On Wheels (\$10,000)

General expenses to meet increased need for services (additional food, packaging, delivery, staffing costs).

Horizons4Girls (\$300)

Provide funding for transportation to appointments.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (\$2,000)

Funds for microgrants to families in need of financial assistance but do not qualify for other assistance programs.

RCS Empowers (\$2,000)

To set up virtual wellness check ins, virtual learning, daily living skills training and employment preparation.

Sheboygan Halfway House (\$5,000)

To maintain food, safety and shelter for up to 16 individuals for the next 2 months.

Lutheran Social Services – Runaway Youth Services (RAYS program) (\$2,000)

Food, hygiene, home supplies and mileage costs for delivery to homes.

Humane Society (\$500)

To provide dog and cat food to families in need through the Companion Animal Assistance Program.

Salvation Army (\$5,000)

Support the comprehensive services program (food pantry, utility assistance) and wellness center program (prescription medication assistance) as community needs increase.

Mental Health America in Sheboygan County (\$2,000)

Funds support the printing, programming, and marketing of community resources related to COVID-19 public health crisis.

Lakeshore CAP (\$6,000)

To provide direct 4 weeks' worth of rental assistance and case management for residents in Sheboygan County.

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COVID-19 NONPROFIT RESPONSE NETWORK

UWSC continues to host weekly virtual meetings with local nonprofits throughout the social sector. This network serves as an opportunity to convene conversations around emerging and ongoing needs, resource sharing, best practices, and to inspire collaborations that best serve residents in our county.



COVID-19 Nonprofit
Response Network

To receive information about the COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network and other resources for nonprofit agencies, visit uwofsc.org/covid-19/nonprofit-support.

COVID-19 VOLUNTEER NEEDS



COVID-19
Volunteer Needs

UWSC's Volunteer Center created a specific area to list COVID-19 pandemic-related volunteer opportunities online at www.uwofsc.org/volunteer. This section includes a new valuable resource for nonprofits to also share their Wish List in-kind needs (donations of tangible items, such as hand sanitizer and other cleaning products).

As we motivate healthy community members to volunteer and support nonprofits during this difficult time, UWSC is encouraging agencies to seek virtual support from volunteers as well.

UWSC's Volunteer Center is hosting a virtual meeting for the Volunteer Center Network on April 22, 2020. Reach out to Lee Anne Raleigh (leanne@uwofsc.org) for details.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR HELP

If anyone you know in need of assistance, know that United Way of Sheboygan County is collaborating in multiple ways to bring light to the individuals and families in our community who are struggling most during the COVID-19 pandemic.



COVID-19 Community
Resources

A few resources you can share with anyone in need include:

United Way 211: United Way's 2-1-1 is available 24/7 for non-emergency questions about COVID-19 and referrals to local health and human services. To connect to a specialist:

CALL: 211 or 1-800-924-5514 (Available: 24/7)

TEXT: your ZIP Code to 898211 (Available: M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

CHAT: at 211now.org (Available: M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

You can also text COVID19 to 211-211 to receive links to CDC information about the virus.

COVID-19 Community Resource Card: Mental Health America in Sheboygan County updated their resource card to list specific resource available to those affected by COVID-19. [Click here to download the COVID-19 Community Resource Card](#) or visit mhasheboygan.org.

Other: For the latest updates on resources available to our community, visit UWSC's COVID-19 Community Resource list online at uwofsc.org/covid-19/community-resources.

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TAKE ACTION

TO HELP

This is a critical time when community support and financial resources are urgently needed. Due to the unique effects of this pandemic, the greatest need in the nonprofit sector is additional funding. The Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund was launched to immediately provide resources to the most pressing needs in our community and allocate funds to nonprofit agencies that will provide support to those suffering from financial hardship due to COVID-19.

If you are in a position to give, please consider making a donation to the Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund today.

Over the coming weeks and months, many of our most vulnerable neighbors will need the support and help of caring community members just like you. We are asking anyone who can to step up and look out for the most vulnerable in our community.

ONLINE: uwofsc.rallyup.com/uwsc-covid19-relieffund

TEXT: 'COVID19-ReliefFund' to 855-202-2100 to receive a link

BY MAIL: United Way of Sheboygan County at 2020 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081

BECOME A COMMUNITY
CHAMPION



COVID-19 SUPPORT

Reach out to the UWSC Staff if you have inquiries on how you can get involved or questions about any of the information above.

- **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.

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