

## COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

*Summary of 5/19/20 virtual meeting*

For previous meeting summaries and other nonprofit resources, visit [uwofsc.org/covid-19/nonprofit-support/](http://uwofsc.org/covid-19/nonprofit-support/).

### 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.
- Survey results, seems agencies are receiving wish list items so far.
- Spirit Awards virtual event is scheduled for May 20 at 6pm on Facebook and YouTube.

#### ACTION STEPS:

##### 1) Nonprofit agencies:

- a. If you haven't already, please respond to the Wishlist Survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2H97S7>

### Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- **Drive Up Testing update:** National Guard will be doing community testing for COVID. Most likely won't need too many more people. Next week might be starting a couple of days.  
[Click here for updated information \(sent in after the meeting\).](#)

Changes in resource delivery?

- **Meals on Wheels** – No change; they continue to provide services with the procedures they put into place due to COVID.
- **Alzheimer's Association** – Not opening their office to the public till mid-June. Programming continues to be provided virtually until they reopen.
- **Catholic Charities** – If clients feel comfortable coming into their offices, then they must wear a mask. They are working on putting food boxes together for undocumented community members.
- **Nourish** – Not changing anything since school sites are still closed. Working on potential summer programming. They are hosting a composting workshop for a small group (no more than 10 people with social distancing practices in place).
- **LOVE INC** – Staff are gradually going in and they are currently reviewing their gap ministries and other programming.
- **Habitat Restore** – Reopening next week 5/27/20. Donations will be accepted as they are looking to restock the ReStore. Pick ups are available now as you can see their inventory online.
- **Boy Scouts** – Evaluating summer camp options as they have already delayed the opening. They expanded their refund policy and 400 people have already cancelled. Working with camps to discuss best practices and fill gaps for virtual opportunities in the meantime.
- **Mental Health America** – Offices are still closed to public, but people can continue to reach out via phone/website/email.
- **Lakeshore CAP** – Offices are still closed to the public but all services are available via phone/website/email.

- **RAYS (Lutheran Social Services)** – Office is still closed to the public, but continue to provide food and hygiene pantry items to youth. They can also serve runaway, homeless, or at risk youth via phone or telehealth.
- **Safe Harbor** – Support groups are on hold but all other programs continue to run normally. They are in the process of relocating their shelter into an apartment building.

**ACTION STEPS:**

**1) 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: Housing Coalition/Homeless population**
  - Scheduling another meeting to look at the details.

**General Discussion of client needs:**

- **Salvation Army:** Unusually quiet by them in the last 2 weeks. Their air (outside) pantry continues and the shelter has open beds (more than usual).
- **Lakeshore CAP:** They have received more calls for rental assistance than usual. Not as many as they had anticipated but they expected more requests after the moratorium.
- **Catholic Charities:** They have received more requests for food for the undocumented population.
- **Safe Harbor:** They see increases in requests and needs. Their homeless outside of DV/SA calls for shelter have increased.
- **PATH program (UWSC):** Continue to work with Public health and schools to keep in contact with students and their needs during this time and into the summer.
- **Mental Health America:** They continue to reach out to families.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Thinking about being proactive for changing programming more permanently to include virtual options and/or moving mainly virtual.
- **Boy Scouts:** They are also looking for ways to change programming more permanently for virtual options.
- **Nourish:** Looking to keep in contact with mental health, nutrition, school year, permanent virtual programming ideas etc.
- **Lakeshore CAP:** Planning how to spend awarded block grant monies for long term support. Watch for their Community assessment (asking for the top 3 needs community members have). Getting ready for an influx in needs in June.

### Open Discussion – Agency/Staffing Needs

- Call out to what staff needs agencies might have as the county opens back up:
  - MHA – Offering different sectors a Candid Coffee Hour and they are looking into doing one for educators.
  - Send needs to Kate or bring them for discussion at the next meeting.
- Secondhand stores update:
  - Goodwill is accepting donations and store is open
  - Saint Vincent DePaul is open with limited hours
  - Salvation Army Thrift store remains closed

- Relief Fund Update:
  - Still in phase one funding. Stakeholders looking to meet basic needs. The Fund Distribution Team asks agencies to apply for funding to continue to meet immediate community needs.
  - Yes, agencies can apply a second time.
- The process to apply for Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Funds remains the same. Apply or re-apply for phase one of funding as the Fund Distribution Team continues to review requests quickly. ([Click here for the application.](#))

#### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **Nonprofit agencies:** reach out to [Kate Baer](#) with information on reopening and/or staff needs.
- 2) **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

Thank you Trisha (Mental Health America) for leading a mindful moment.

- **Sheboygan Service Club:** Safety town cancelled. Extending age range for next year.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Advocate Referral program for helmets.
- **After the meeting shared:**
  - [Click here](#) for the release of the first report (of 4 planned) from the survey of Wisconsin NPOs to the pandemic. Over 500 NPOs responded, including 139 in NEW. Next week, the Center for Public Affairs will release an in-depth report on NEW nonprofit responses.
- **Reminder: Grant Opportunity** COVID-19 Nonprofit Emergency Capacity Building Grant Fund by FORWARD Community Investments (FCI) (\$2,500 Per Grant)  
<https://www.forwardci.org/nonprofit-emergency-capacity-grant>

### 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.