

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 5/5/20 virtual meeting

Reminder: The process to apply for Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief 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 sent out a survey regarding wish list items and volunteer opportunities.
- Spirit Award winners are being finalized. A virtual event is scheduled for May 20.

ACTION STEPS:

1) Nonprofit agencies:

- a. Respond to Wishlist Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2H97S7>
- b. Email Lee Anne Raleigh (leeanne@uwofsc.org) for help uploading/updating your volunteer opportunities and/or wish list items.
- c. Continue adding and updating your volunteer opportunities online.

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- **Plastic Bags:** Early Bird Rotary project making sleeping mats for the homeless out of recycled plastic bags. They are looking for who to distribute them to so they can be utilized. The mats are sturdy, portable, and keep people off the cold, damp ground. Contact: Kris Krentz kriskrentz@hotmail.com
- **Resource** – Nonprofits Confronting Crises Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SCQgaHD1RxOZIK_fm7gBzw They will explore how people-of-color led, community-based organizations have dealt with crises in the past, from 9/11 to Hurricane Katrina, and what we must learn in order to confront the effects of COVID-19 on our communities and our organizations. The webinar will feature Ashley K. Shelton (Executive Director of The Power Coalition), Seema Agnani (Executive Director of National CAPACD), Alberto Retana (President & CEO of Community Coalition), and Deepa Iyer (Senior Advisor at BMP and Director of Solidarity Is).

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) UWSC:** connect Early Bird Rotary with Kristal Klemme, Pastor at FCC Church in Plymouth (contact from MHA). Also, share the idea to support warming shelter.
- 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:**
 - Emily Kunde at RAYS is taking the lead on acquiring and distributing feminine hygiene items. She will write an application for United Way Relief Funds, and work in partnership with the food bank and SCIO for distribution at the school meal sites and farmers market. Emily and volunteers will put together 4-month supply kits for girls.
- **Check-in: Housing Coalition/Homeless population**
 - United Way is working to schedule a meeting with a small group to discuss a possible after hours program in the coming weeks
- **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/Technology Needs**
 - Ruth (Lakeshore CAP) said some people cannot sign up for government assistance/stimulus checks because they do not have access to the internet and have limited computer skills, with the library and job center shut down. It's possible that Salvation Army could set up a table outside during Saturday meal pickup with a computer/tablet to assist people.
 - People may need help with cell phone bills and/or access to data/minutes and phone cards. Any information about possible cell phone assistance programs can be sent to Katelyn Piper at UWSC (katelyn@uwofsc.org)
 - **Salvation Army** has changed the requirements for how they provide utility assistance. People need to show loss of income due to COVID. They do not need to wait until there is a disconnection of service. The application for assistance is online: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/emergency-utility-assistance/>
 - **Sheboygan County Food Bank:** If you have clients with questions on how the Pandemic EBT funds work with the food box they might be already be receiving from the Food Bank, reach out to Tracy: 920-453-0169.
 - **Consumer Credit Counseling** is providing financial counseling over the phone to anyone affected by COVID. They also received a donation to assist dairy farmers with grants up to \$5,000 for farm or personal needs. Application is online: www.cccsonline.org.
 - **Big Brothers Big Sisters** is looking at purchasing devices for kids in order to maintain connection to mentors in an online environment, especially since schools will be collecting the student devices for summer. **Reboot Sheboygan:** Educational Hardware Grants and Non-Profit Hardware Grants can be found: <http://rebootsheboygan.com/>
 - **Tutors Assistance:** Reach out to Char Packniak (char@pachniak.com) with Horizon4Girls and Christina Singh (csingh@thepositiveplace.com) from Boys & Girls Club.
 - **MHA:** Candid Coffee Hour – Thursday 3-4p (Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84116274960>)

ACTION STEPS:

- UWSC will follow up with Housing Coalition regarding potential after-hours program.
- **Phone Bill Assistance** – send any information on this to UWSC. UWSC will also look to see what is available.
- **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.
- Nonprofit Capacity survey from Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management at UW-Milwaukee: <https://uwm.edu/hbi/research/survey/>

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **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
- 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

- (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.zoom.us/j/84116274960>
- Sheboygan County Strong 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/>
- Community Partnership for Children: Coalition meeting – details contact Tahareh (Tahareh@uwofsc.org).
- Relief Fund Phase One Application: <http://www.uwofsc.org/assets/Uploads/Sheboygan-County-COVID-19-Relief-Fund-Application.pdf> (Questions: contact Gina (gina@uwofsc.org)).
- Great Marriages is offering our 2 May events for FREE online: Currency of Trust 5/9 and Communication: You Don't Understand (5/19). Register at www.great-marriages.org/events. If you know of anyone that needs help, please have them call us as we are here to help: 920.783.6142
- Sheboygan Service Club Volunteers: Contact Teresa (tkmcalpine@gmail.com).
- Thursday is Mental Health Awareness Day for kids! (Facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/MHA.Sheboygan/>)
- Lakeshore CAP has moved to the Job Center. Applications are available online or give them a call. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeshoreCAP/photos/pb.358506127557806.-2207520000../3943186112423105/?type=3&theater>
- Boys & Girls Club plans to re-open in the summer (modified program).

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- Winter Farmers Market will occur on Saturdays throughout May, 9:30-11:30, drive-thru style, at FCC Sheboygan – First Congregational Church UCC.

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.