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Sheboygan County

FINANCIAL STABILITY

United Way of Sheboygan County unites for the financial stability of everyone in our community.

Elizabeth is a single mom who never had any issues providing for herself and her teenage son. Then the year 2020 came, and that is when everything fell apart. Early on in the pandemic Elizabeth was diagnosed with COVID-19. That diagnosis is troubling enough alone and amplified by her type 1 diabetes. She ended up in ICU for 9 days at St. Nicholas hospital battling the virus and diabetic ketoacidosis. She returned home to travel the long road to recovery with no income.



She visited The Salvation Army's drive-through food pantry on several occasions and was able to remain in her vehicle while staff and volunteers made sure her car was loaded with plenty of food. The Salvation Army continued to communicate with Elizabeth to ensure the needs of her family were met. Her anxiety about her ever-increasing utility bills was calmed by providing financial assistance and she was even able to register her son to receive Christmas presents.

With your help, amazing things are possible.

[Snapshot of 2020 Outcomes]

More families are achieving financial stability through food assistance:

5,000 families received emergency food every month

Families and individuals are gaining the tools to secure financial stability for their future:

2,867 people received financial support

Immediate support was provided to the homeless throughout our county:

26,750 nights of shelter provided



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HEALTH

United Way of Sheboygan County unites for the health of everyone in our community.

Timothy was a 15-year-old boy who presented to Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center due to concerns of physical abuse. He had fled from his mother's home in the middle of an altercation, ran to a friend's home, and called 9-1-1. He had suffered abuse at the hands of his mother for years, but in spring 2020 Timothy's abuse had further escalated into threats of violence, homicide, and verbal and physical attacks that drove Timothy to make a makeshift shelter in his back yard out of pallets and tarps.



Through the CAC visit, Timothy was able to find his strength and his voice. Together the team helped piece together what it would take to make this teen feel whole. This included immediate removal from his mother's care, a full human service and criminal investigation, and a bevy of wrap-around services meant not only to sustain but to help him thrive. Today Timothy remains in the care of foster parents who have kept him safe and helped him to have a better future, free from additional debilitating trauma. There is hope for children like Timothy to go on and live a healthy life.

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Youth mental health is being supported in a big way:

578 students received weekly counseling services with assessment and treatment provided regardless of an individual's ability to pay

Family members receive peace of mind knowing that their housebound loved one will receive a healthy meal and are checked-in on daily:

74,200 meals delivered to the home bound

Mental health support can set individuals up for long term success:

3,105 people received mental health services and education



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EDUCATION

United Way of Sheboygan County unites for the education of everyone in our community.

Safe Harbor provides educational presentations to teens on sexting, including examples and scenarios. After a facilitated panel discussion where questions submitted by teens were answered, the following occurred:

Two individuals came forward after it was assigned in class. One was a student who had recently sent images to their partner not understanding the legalities behind it, looking for support, resources, and help. Another student in a separate scenario, shared how they had received numerous images and didn't know what to do. They identified it was uncomfortable and had asked people to stop and they didn't; they described to the advocate how it made them feel and the anxiety and discomfort it caused. Due to the presentation, both students connected to an advocate and received services, support, and guidance on navigating their situations.



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Parents are gaining the tools needed to best support their children as they grow:

433 parents received parenting education and support

The smallest in our community are being provided resources to set them and their families up for success:

900 Welcome Baby visits

More youth are set up for success:

8,298 youth participated in programs to improve their future