# How to get Involved with United Way

The vision of United Way of Sheboygan County (UWSC) is a community where everyone can achieve their human potential, creating a stronger community for all.

### Join us in fulfilling this vision!



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More information: uwofsc.org/donate

United Way of Sheboygan County

A gift to United Way's Community Action Fund supports needs everyone is aware of but also the needs that are less obvious, but no less important. Our community's problems are interrelated, and only the Community Action Fund's diversity of programs work together to address the complex issues—in a way that no single agency, donor, volunteer, or sector of the community can do alone.

Through annual investments and close work with Partner Agencies and community organizations, UWSC focuses on education, health, and financial stability, the building blocks of a successful life.

### **UWSC Committees**



More information: uwofsc.org/about/our-team

UWSC is led, in tangent with staff, by local volunteers representing our community and stakeholders. Thanks to the time and dedication of these individuals, UWSC can make a deep and meaningful impact in our community.

#### **UWSC's Volunteer Committees:**

- · Board of Directors
- Community Action Team
- Finance Committee
- · Outreach and Visibility Committee
- Emerging Leaders Steering Committee

If you have interest in joining a UWSC committee, please email info@uwofsc.org.

## **Volunteer**



More information: uwofsc.org/volunteer

Join thousands of other community members each year that are transforming our community! Get connected with over 110 local agencies that provide meaningful volunteer work through the Sheboygan County Volunteer Center. Search for volunteer opportunities that best fit the passion and skill-set of your family, team, or yourself.

Last year, volunteering shifted due to COVID-19 but that didn't stop hundreds of community members from giving back last year!

Outputs of 2020 Day of Caring include:

- In-person Volunteer Opportunities: 49 volunteers provided 196 hours of socially distant in-person volunteering around Sheboygan County. This is a significant decrease due to COVID-19. Nonprofits reported being unable to host in-person volunteer opportunities due to staff capacity and adequate space.
- (NEW) Acts of Kindness Challenge: 507+ acts of kindness completed and submitted.
- (NEW) Virtual Volunteer Opportunities: 16 volunteers participated in virtual opportunities such as making inspirational cards for clients, marketing and public relations support.
- (NEW) Donation Drives: 300+ children's books donated for Community Partnership for Children organized by UWSC Emerging Leaders. Nonprofits reported 253 additional items donated that day.

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UWSC strives to collaborate, increase access, and spread awareness for local solutions to the increasing needs in our community. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy.

UWSC's Community Impact Initiatives were developed because a need was identified and to create an impactful and wholistic solution, multiple organizations needed to work closely together. There are three UWSC Community Impact Initiatives: the Volunteer Center, Community Partnership for Children (CPC), and Providing Access To Healing (PATH). UWSC serves as the backbone agency, managing, and continuing to improve the programs.

## **Community Partnership for Children (CPC)**



More information: uwofsc.org/ our-impact/cpc

The vision of the CPC is that all Sheboygan County children are safe, healthy, prepared to grow, learn, and achieve. CPC is a Birth to Six initiative that works to ensure parents and families have the supports and services they need so that their children are safe, healthy, reaching their developmental milestones on time, and are ready for kindergarten.

Programs and activities coordinated by CPC Coalition:

- Welcome Baby: The Welcome Baby program offers a visit from a Resource Specialist to parents and their newborn in the Sheboygan County hospitals. During the visit, parents are connected to the Parents as Teachers home visiting program and other community resources to meet their needs.
- Parent Café Workshops: Parent Cafés explore the five Strengthening Families Protective Factors through guided peer-to-peer learning, self-reflection, and conversations that strengthen the social and emotional health of families.
- Community Developmental Screens: Community developmental screening events give parents and caregivers
  another opportunity to discuss their child's development with trained staff who can share activities to foster
  healthy child development and connect families to community resources.
- Born Learning Trails: Born Learning is a community change strategy that is designed to boost children's language, literacy, social, cognitive and emotional skills and encourage families to get active. The Born Learning Trails are available 24/7 and located at Generations at Intergenerational Center 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth, WI 53073, and on the Shoreline 400 trail located behind RCS.

## **Providing Access to Healing (PATH)**



More information: uwofsc.org/ our-impact/path

PATH provides confidential licensed mental health therapy in all public school districts throughout Sheboygan County, increasing access to services for youth by removing financial and geographical barriers. PATH provides treatment and coping skills for students and their families struggling with common issues such as depression, anxiety, ADHD, and relationship stressors among other emotional and behavioral challenges common to students today. Assessment and treatment are provided regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

Since 2015, PATH has served over 1,350 students - and this number continues to grow. 578 students received weekly counseling services through PATH last year alone.

#### Students experience:

- Improved academic performance and social functioning
- Reduced suspensions, detentions, unexcused absences, and symptoms
- Significant progress towards treatment goals

