

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 11/10/20 virtual meeting

The next COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network meeting is December 8, 2020. Friendly reminder, moving forward, United Way will be convening COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network meetings monthly, meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9am. Thank you for partnering together to support one another during this new paradigm.

Nonprofit Response Network has a standing agenda. If you have agenda items, please let us know and you will be added to the agenda during an appropriate section, called upon if you want to lead the conversation or United Way staff will bring up the item during the meeting under the standing agenda item that fits closest.

For previous meeting summaries and other nonprofit resources, visit uwofsc.org/covid-19/nonprofit-support/

Volunteerism

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Don't forget to post your holiday wish list items and volunteer needs! Click here to post: <https://volunteersheboygan.galaxydigital.com/volunteer-center-network-resources/>. Note: if you have a wish list item that is year-round, we encourage you to post on both Wish List areas, the general on-going wish lists as well as the Holiday initiative as Holiday wish lists and volunteer opportunities will be highlighted in the coming weeks via radio and other marketing efforts. Please contact Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org) for more information regarding entering wish list items.
- **Meals on Wheels:** MOW shared a specific opportunity that they are looking for volunteers who love to dress up for Christmas in Santa and Elves costumes! Volunteers will be spreading the holiday cheer by dropping off meals and goodie bags at client homes Dec 15th and 17th. For more information, please contact Allison.thomson@freshmealsonwheels.org.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Add your wish list items to both the Holiday initiative AND the on-going wish list section.
2. Add your in-person and/or virtual volunteer opportunities to both the Holiday initiative AND the on-going general section.
3. Help Allison spread the word and share the Santa opportunity with any friends, family, co-workers!

Open Discussion Regarding New Needs/Resources for Clients

- **Hand Sanitizer:** UWSC still has hand sanitizer left. We also have a full barrel if an agency is interested in picking one up please email Heather Dana (heather@uwofsc.org) to coordinate. If you need just a few jugs, please sign up for a timeslot. Click on the link to schedule an appointment: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA62DA2F9C43-hand1>
- **Socks, Socks, Socks:** UWSC received a generous in-kind contribution of socks from Wigwam! Sign up for a timeslot to schedule pick up. Click on the link to schedule an appointment: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA62DA2F9C43-sock>. Email Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org) if you would like further instructions and the MOU agreement ahead of time. Thank you!

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** BBBS shared they have 46 Bigs waiting for littles! They enroll kids ages 5-12 and support them through HS graduation. To learn more about the BBBS program for mentors and families/youth, you can contact Denise Wittstock, denise@bbbssc.org or Niki Zohrab, niki@bbbssc.org or call 920.458.0111.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Sign up for hand sanitizer
2. Sign up for socks
3. Contact BBBS if you know of youth who would benefit from having a Big Brother or Sister

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- **Communication about family/youth programs, events, and resources with school districts:** As you may have heard on our last COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network Call, the Youth Agency Network (YAN) inspired a discussion on how to best share resources, collectively and collaboratively, with youth and families via school districts. After connecting with YAN, all agreed that as a cradle to career initiative it made a lot of sense to have the Community Partnership for Children (CPC) collect and distribute information to school systems in hopes that participating school districts will disseminate the information in whatever platform works for their district. We will likely be housing this info on our website, too. How can you join us? Information we need from you to make this happen is:
 - Organization
 - Date & time
 - URL
 - Public contact information (email and/or phone, preference is both) for questions, inquiries and follow up
 - 3 brief sentences summarizing event, program etc.
- These programs and events will be disseminated through the Sheboygan County School Districts the first of every month. Submissions can be sent to Tahareh Mohammadian (Tahareh@uwofsc.org) by the 15th of every month and include the above information for the upcoming month. Please reference the attached letter in the notes for further information.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Is putting together welcome baskets for families that are new homeowners to Sheboygan County. If you are interested in collaborating in this effort, please contact Karina Berdyck kberdyck@habitatlakeside.com.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Email Tahareh submissions for the Youth and Family Resource Guide
2. Reach out to Karina if you have an addition to a welcome basket for families in Sheboygan County.

Open Discussion Regarding Needs for Agencies & Staffing

COVID-19 Related

What are you doing for agency/staff Holiday celebration?

- BBBS: Renting out Marcus Theater up to 20 people (cost around \$175)
- Family Resource Center of Sheboygan County: Virtual party w/ games, secret Santa

- Saint Nicholas Hospital: Is hosting Gala on the Go! A 4-course classic Germanic gourmet dinner meal kit from LTC will be available to take home this holiday season. Each meal kit will include a culinary video online that you can watch to guide how to make your gourmet meal. To sign up, click on the link: <https://www.hshs.org/StNicholas/Events/Community-Events/St-Nicholas-Gala-on-the-Go>. For more information, please contact Johannah at johannah.wenig@hshs.org.

The Sheboygan County Chamber + Public Health Sheboygan County Safe Restart calls every other week for businesses. It is open to all local businesses/organizations not just the chamber members. Click on the link to register at the chamber calendar: <https://business.sheboygan.org/events/catgid/6>. Great place for resources and open conversation with our Public Health Heroes!

RAYS: Is looking for interns and NEW office/program space! Interns would be preferably seeking a bachelor's degree in social work or a master's degree in social work or counseling. They are also looking for a new downtown location. At the location, they will need a kitchen, space for group, and about 4-5 office spaces. If have any ideas or connections regarding downtown space or interns, please email or call Emily at emily.kunde@lsswis.org or (920) 980-1939.

WIRCO: Is hiring recovery coaches! For more information, please contact Jessica Brownrigg (Jessica@wirco.org).

ACTION STEPS:

1. See above.

Upcoming Event Updates/Other Notes

Warming Center: Will remain open until March 1st and they are looking to hire 2 people. For more information, please contact Daryl Mangeri (dmangeri@cccsonline.org) on the Board of Directors.

Habitat for Humanity: Broke ground in Plymouth, 128 East Prospect Street on their new location. In the future they will be looking for volunteers to help building on site. They are also hosting an event with food trucks and small vendors outside. For more information, please contact Karina Berdyck kberdyck@habitatlakeside.com.

Generations, an Intergenerational Center: Is hosting an online auction. The auction closes on November 14th so cast your bids! Click on the link to check it out: <https://www.generationsic.org/>.

Consumer Credit Counseling: No longer offers 0% interest rate and projects January will be urgent for families financially. They have virtual appointments available for family planning counseling sessions that will remain confidential via phone and virtually. For more information, please contact Daryl Mangeri dmangeri@cccsonline.org.

Family Connections: Has funds available for families that are struggling to pay for child care. They are assisting families that are utilizing Wisconsin child care resources and/or ALICE families. For more information, please contact Matricia matriciap@familyconnectionscc.org.

ACTION STEPS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: N/A

Questions?

- **Nonprofit Response Network** | Kate Baer (kate@uwofsc.org) or Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org)
- **Community Resource Marketing & Outreach** | Katelyn Piper (katelyn@uwofsc.org)
- **Volunteer Opportunities & Inquiries** | volunteer@uwofsc.org

For immediate questions regarding COVID-19, contact our local public health department at 920-459-0321.