

## COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

*Summary of 12/08/20 virtual meeting*

The next COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network meeting is January 12, 2020. The COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/](http://uwofsc.org/covid-19/nonprofit-support/)

Friendly reminder that you can access meeting notes here: <https://www.uwofsc.org/assets/Uploads/11.10.20-Call-Notes-Summary.pdf>

### Introductions of new community leaders & resources:

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

Mike Glaser, Business Services Consultant from DVR joined in to introduce himself and share the resources he can provide to nonprofits as employers (connecting his clients to you) and/or connecting folks you may work with to his services. DVR helps people with disabilities find a job, keep a job, or get a better job. They also help employers recruit and retain employees and collaborate with partner agencies on services and programming. Contact: Mike Glaser by phone: 920-391-9214 or email: [michael.glaser@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:michael.glaser@dwd.wisconsin.gov).

- **The Joseph Project**

Rebecca Ballantine of Pentecostals of Sheboygan County and Paul Chamberlain of Senator Ron Jonson's Office joined to share information about The Joseph Project in Sheboygan County.

Samuel Weber was unable to join due to a schedule conflict. He is the contact if you are inquiring about more information on The Joseph Project. Please follow up with Samuel Weber if you are interested in learning more by phone: (920) 547-0142 or email: [samuel.weber@sheboygancounty.com](mailto:samuel.weber@sheboygancounty.com).

The Joseph Project provides hope, resources and faith-based education to job seekers. Local business partners work with The Joseph Project to provide opportunity for employment after completion of the workshop series. To learn more, reach out or check out their January 2020 workshop series [flyer](#) and a general [PowerPoint](#) information.

## 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](mailto:gina@uwofsc.org)) for more information regarding entering wish list items.

#### 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.

### Open Discussion Regarding New Needs/Resources for Clients

- Please fill out the **Affordable Housing survey** for Sheboygan County: <https://www.sheboyganwi.gov/resident-feedback-requested-for-affordable-housing-survey/>. The survey closed on 12/07/20, but it is still open.
- **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](mailto: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 inkind 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](mailto: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 over 50 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](mailto:denise@bbbssc.org) or Niki Zohrab, [niki@bbbssc.org](mailto:niki@bbbssc.org) or call 920.458.0111.

#### ACTION STEPS:

1. Fill out the Affordable Housing survey
2. Sign up for hand sanitizer
3. Sign up for socks
4. 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](mailto:Tahareh@uwofsc.org)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month and include the above information for the upcoming month. Please reference the attached letter in the notes for further information.

**ACTION STEPS:**

1. Email Tahareh submissions for the Youth and Family Resource Guide

## Open Discussion Regarding Needs for Agencies & Staffing & General Updates

**Food Bank:** Is taking a comprehensive intake for clients for food security. More to come in the new year!

**RAYS:** Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS) will be transitioning from a program under Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to a program ran by Foundations. Learn more in this transition letter here. They will be located at the Weill Center property (left of performing arts building). They are remaining continuity of services and feeding around 65 youth each week while in their transition. The school districts are helping them with this initiative by assisting with delivery and packing meals. A [community announcement transition letter](#) is attached from Emily. If you are interested helping RAYS move, please email or call Emily at [emily.kunde@lsswis.org](mailto:emily.kunde@lsswis.org) or (920) 980-1939.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB):** UWSC in partnership with the United Way Wisconsin network, will be launching a 21-week Racial Equity Challenge. More information to come about this at our next Nonprofit Response Network meeting in January, as well as a larger update on the DEIB Social Sector's recent pilot survey and what to expect in a request for your nonprofit to participate in a baseline DEIB survey soon!

**UWSC:** Upcoming EC-Impact for UWSC Partner Agencies is on Thursday! Please reach out to Gina Covelli ([gina@uwofsc.org](mailto:gina@uwofsc.org)) with questions.

**Making Spirits Bright:** The food bank is accepting cash and nonperishable items. If you would like to be a driver, please contact the Food Bank and don't forget to bring your family and friends!

**Habitat for Humanity:** If you are looking to spread the holiday cheer and would like to sponsor a family with winter items, please contact Karina ([kberdyck@habitatlakeside.com](mailto:kberdyck@habitatlakeside.com)) for inquiries.

### COVID-19 Outreach

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

## Questions?

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