

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 5/12/20 virtual meeting

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

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 Awards event is being filmed and all finalists have been notified. 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

- No updates at this time.

ACTION STEPS:

1) 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: Housing Coalition/Homeless population**
 - They will be meeting to talk through after hours program next week.
- **Check-in: Phone Bill Assistance**
 - Resource: Safelink.com
 - Resource: usa.gov/help-with-bills
- **Check-in: Feminine Hygiene:** RAYS is taking a lead and working with SCIO and Food Bank. They just received approval for funding from the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

General Discussion of client needs:

- **Financial Assistance (Rent, Utilities, etc.)**
 - **Salvation Army:** Utility support opened on May 1st. It has been unusually quiet. The application for assistance is online: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/emergency-utility-assistance/>
 - **Alliant Energy:** PDF shared for their energy bill.
 - **Lakeshore CAP:** Note that households that need these resources aren't aware of how to obtain the assistance and their pride is a barrier.
 - General note – households aren't concerned with bills as the needs of their kids are taking priority
- **Child Care** – next steps, they are expecting child care providers will need PPE kits as places start opening.
- **Idea:** Contacting employers that have had to let go employees with resources.
- **Resource Card:** Continued to be delivered to schools with meal pick up, restaurants, and grocery stores. 3500 already distributed.
- **Red Cross** has set up a national resource for anyone dealing with loss due to COVID-19. Link: redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center.html
- **Love INC** also has 8 local Pastors available for emotional and grief support.
- **Great Marriages:** For couples struggling with any kind of relational issues, Great Marriages has mentor couples available to help. They can call 920.783.6142.
- **Habitat ReStore** will be starting online sales this week. ReStore will be reopening the week of May 25.

Open Discussion – Agency/Staffing Needs

- Reach out to Kate for topics for professional development needs during this time.
- Send Kate information on how agencies are opening back up and what policies. Information to be provided at the next meeting.
 - Safe Harbor – Social distancing plan goes through July but are looking to extend that plan to the end of the year.
 - Laura Roenitz – can provide additional information in for this topic and how business are opening.
 - LOVE INC – their board is creating a plan and looking to a slow roll out for support.
 - REINS season will begin June 15th virtually. Their Learning to Lead program (equine assisted learning) does have some room for youth with emotional, behavioral, social challenges. Contact Theresa Zimmermann (920-946-8599 or by email Theresa.zimmermann@reins-wi.org for more information

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **Nonprofit agencies:** reach out to [Kate Baer](#) with information on reopening.
- 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

- Thank you Trisha (Mental Health America) for leading the mindful moment: **S.T.O.P.: Stop. Take a breath. Observe. Proceed.**
- **(Found after this week's meeting)**
Grant Opportunity: COVID-19 Nonprofit Emergency Capacity Building Grant Fund by FORWARD Community Investments (FCI) (\$2,500 Per Grant)
<https://www.forwardci.org/nonprofit-emergency-capacity-grant>
 - Purpose: Forward Community Investments (FCI) has committed an initial \$50,000 in partnership with Associated Bank to support small nonprofits that have changed their operational model or services due to COVID-19. This need-based, micro-grant program will provide immediate financial support (\$2,500 per grant) for capacity building expenses such as:
 - Health and safety supplies for organizations facing newly fluctuating demand.
 - Computer purchases enabling remote work by nonprofit employees.
 - Software and other technology investments supporting distance learning or other remote service delivery model.
 - Eligibility Requirements: In order to be eligible to receive one of these \$2,500 grants, organizations must
 - Be a 501c3 organization or a project sponsored by another 501c3, located in Wisconsin serving rural communities, serving people of color, low to moderate-income individuals, or other marginalized groups.
 - Have less than 10 FTE's and an annual budget of less than \$500,000.
 - Work towards reducing racial and economic disparities.
 - Have an unexpected expense related to COVID-19.

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.