

What is the Shelby County United Way doing during the Corona Virus outbreak?

First, we have paid in full our quarterly allocations to our partner agencies totaling over \$236,900. We are partnering with the Community Foundation of Shelby County to set plans in motion for a charitable fund that could be activated, if needed, to assist with local needs as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The fund would support organizations that provide direct social service in Shelby County. No funding is planned to go directly to individuals. We are working with and assisting our partner agencies as needed.

Based on the recent Stay at Home order from the State of Ohio, I wanted to make you aware of current organizations and services still operating at this time.

Agape Distribution: The food pantry is still operating normal business hours. Clients will now have curbside service versus going through the store. They will be asked to park in front of the store on Brooklyn and call 498-4368 to register. The food will be brought out to the car. In addition to their existing clients, Agape has provided certificates to the local school districts for their qualified students. Those families can also pull up curbside and call in and provide the certificate to the staff member. **Agape needs 8-12 volunteers daily.** Please call 498-4368 to volunteer.

Agape's mobile pantry is still open and will resume their monthly schedule.

First Saturday of the Month: Port Jefferson 9-12 am and Maplewood 12:30-3:30 pm

Second Saturday of the Month: Botkins 9-12 am and Anna 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Third Saturday of the Month: Russia 9-12 am and Fort Loramie 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Fourth Saturday of the Month: Lockington 9-12 am and 12:30-3:30 pm

Alpha Community Center and Holy Angels Soup Kitchen are preparing carry out lunches for pick up 11:30 am to 12:15 pm Monday through Friday. Alpha Community Center's emergency pantry is also open during the same time frame.

Sidney Salvation Army food pantry is open Monday thru Friday 9 am -3 pm. They will deliver food to shut ins by calling 492-5013.

FISH food pantry and prescription assistance is open 11:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday thru Friday and they are letting one person in at a time.

Shelby County Veteran Services is open normal business hours. Veteran's and their families needing food assistance can visit office or call ahead to 498-7282. A staff member will bring the food out to the client.

Jackson Center Fish Pond food pantry will remain open normal hours on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Compassionate Care is operating normal business hours. Patients are to call the clinic to schedule an appointment, 492-9400. Screening questions will be asked. Medication can be picked up in the lobby.

The Sidney-Shelby County YMCA will be opening a Pandemic Child Care Center for Essential Workers starting Wednesday, March 25th. Interested families can call 492-9134. **The YMCA needs additional child care workers** to meet the Governor's mandate of 1 staff person per 6 children in separate areas.

Wilma Valentine Child Care will be opening a Pandemic Child Care Center for Essential Workers starting Thursday, March 26th. Interested families can call 498-4566

Wilson Health is accepting donations from the public and medical providers for needed supplies **Monday through Friday at 10am**. They are currently accepting face masks, gloves, gowns, face shields, hand sanitizers, wipes, and thermometers. The main lobby (door 1) is the staging area for donation drop offs.

Please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov to learn more or call during the hours of 9am to 8pm, 833-427-5634.

The 211 helpline is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide information and resources available in our community and the region.

The Shelby County United Way is committed to supporting our community and working with our community leaders during this crisis. We will fulfill our mission to continually identify, evaluate, and make possible the human services needed in our community.

Shelby County United Way essential staff will be working remotely and have access to email to respond to your needs. Please feel free to reach out as needed.

In closing, I would like to thank all the businesses, organizations, and individuals that continue to support us. At this time we can support our local businesses that are still open, including any restaurants that are providing carryout or drive thru service. I also want to thank the many folks on the front lines working to ensure our health and safety. Please keep them and their family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

Scott S. Barr