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# JULY 2020

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Shelby County United Way

# NEWSLETTER

July is a planning and preparing month for the Shelby County United Way. The campaign video is wrapping up, we are working on the pledge card edits, and in less than 30 days, we will start the Pacesetter Campaign that takes place in August. After consulting with Palazzo staff, our Executive Committee has unanimously supported having our traditional in person Campaign Kickoff at the Palazzo on Thursday, September 10th at 11:30AM. Please hold the date and join us. Also, we are working with the Wilma Valentine Child Care and will co-host a Chamber After-Hours in late August. Wilma Valentine Child Care recently moved spaces at the Board of DD and has 4 beautiful classrooms that now serve their children. Please be on the lookout for communication from the Chamber of Commerce on this After-Hours event, you won't want to miss it.

This upcoming campaign will be our most challenging because every donor and business has been impacted at different levels from COVID-19. This makes projecting revenue and awarding funds to agencies more challenging. We are anticipating a minimum of \$100,000 in pledge loss collections from lack of payroll collections while some companies were impacted and employees were furloughed in April and May. We also realize that there will be ongoing pledge loss as not all companies staffing levels are the same as pre-COVID and some of our larger companies offered retirement packages to right size their staffing. Our Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Allocation Chairs met in May and made the difficult decision to recommend to the full board a reduced allocation budget to the agencies for July 2020 to June 2021. We have been blessed with great fiscal stewardship from previous board members and finance committee members and will be using our reserve balances to minimize the level of reductions over the next two fiscal years. We will be working to engage as many of our partner companies and organizations again this fall and retain as many of the generous donors that continue to support us. Future funding to the agencies will be contingent on the success of this fall campaign as the Shelby County United Way continues to utilize our reserves to minimize impact.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of the Shelby County United Way as we all work together to make an impact by changing lives in our community.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!

**FROM THE  
DESK OF  
PRESIDENT,  
SCOTT BARR**



# PARTNER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

## CASA



From CASA Director Bridget Davis...

CASA/GAL (Court.Appointed.Special.Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem) is a volunteer based program that provides trained volunteers to represent the best interests of abused, neglected and dependent children in juvenile court. Volunteers must be 21 years old, have a high school diploma or GED and undergo a criminal background check. In addition, prior to receiving their first case volunteers must attend a 30-hour training course. The volunteers are responsible for: conducting interviews with all interested parties in the case in order to provide a court report to the Juvenile Judge or Magistrate, attend meetings at Children Services, attend court hearings and conduct home visits with the child they are advocating for.



There are 4 Staff Members; Bridget Davis, Director; Two Volunteer Coordinators/Supervisors, Oshae Peart & Terra Richardson; Administrative Assistant Treva Hicks We have 29 Volunteers at this time.



Since 2016 the caseload has increased...

- 2016 – 104, 2017- 115, 2018- 148, 2019- 153

Therefore, staff has increased also. An additional Volunteer Coordinator was added in September 2018 to help serve, advocate and supervise the additional cases. The Director and other Volunteer Coordinator's hours were increased at this time.

There was a large spike in cases from 2017 to 2018 due to the heroin epidemic but since that time the number of heroin abusers has decreased with the change to drug of choice being meth.



CASA serves Shelby County children by providing hope, advocacy and a voice. All children have a right to a home with loving people to care for them. Each year, millions of children in the U.S. are abused, neglected or abandoned by their families. That's where CASA comes in.

# DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

125,562 Books mailed since March 2015

2,415 Kids ages 0-5 subscribed in Shelby County

69% of eligible kids enrolled



# INFORMATION AND REFERRAL HOTLINE



2-1-1 is Shelby County's information and referral service for people in need. Every day, thousands of people across the U.S. turn to 2-1-1 for information and support – whether financial, domestic, health, or disaster-related. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential referral and information helpline and website that connects people from our community to essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A toll-free call to 2-1-1 connects you to a community resource specialist in our area who can put you in touch with local organizations that provide critical services that can improve – and save – lives. Through 2-1-1, you'll find information about:

- Supplemental food and nutrition programs
- Rent/utility assistance
- Transportation services
- Medical and dental care
- Support for individuals with mental illness or special needs
- Substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation
- Support for victims of domestic violence or crime
- Disaster relief
- Support for aging parents and senior services
- Shelter and housing options

Shelby County 2-1-1 is funded by support from:

- Shelby County United Way
- City of Sidney
- Shelby County Commissioners
- Shelby County Health Department
- Shelby County Job and Family Services
- Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Tri County Board of Mental Health & Recovery

Call 2-1-1 anytime, 24 hours a day



# POWER UPDATE



# POWER

Passionate • Optimistic • Women • Encouraging • Results

## POWER-ful Grants

POWER is accepting applications for annual grants for the third year in a row. This year up to \$2,000 will be available to each 501(c)(3) agency or government entity. The grant monies will be awarded for projects that fulfill POWER's mission of providing programs/assistance to initiatives that benefit children and families in Shelby County. There will be a minimum of \$20,000 in grant money available through POWER

If you would like more information on the application process, contact Amy West at the United Way Office at (937)-492-2101, or [awest@shelbycountyunitedway.org](mailto:awest@shelbycountyunitedway.org)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
July 31, 2020**



**UP TO \$20,000 IN GRANTS  
TO BE AWARDED.**  
Applications still available.

These annual grants of up to \$2,000, are earmarked for projects that provide programs or assistance to initiatives that benefit children and families in Shelby County, Ohio.

*Check our Website for more information,  
or contact Amy West at  
[awest@shelbycountyunitedway.org](mailto:awest@shelbycountyunitedway.org)*



## POWER Membership

THANK YOU to all those that have renewed your POWER membership! Even if your schedule does not allow for participation in our POWER-ful events/activities your \$50 annual membership fee will make a true impact towards POWER's mission to continue to change lives for children and families in Shelby County! If you would like to join our POWER-ful group of over 100 women strong or find out more about our women's initiative group and how we continue to make an impact go to [www.Power4Women.org](http://www.Power4Women.org). To Date over \$52,000 has been allocated back into the community for children and families in Shelby County through POWER with an additional \$20,000 to be allocated in POWER-ful Grants in July.



## Save the Date

POWER of the Purse  
Champagne Luncheon &  
Fashion Show April 24, 2021!

**Save the Date!**  
**APRIL 24, 2021**

Our signature event has a new date.  
We hope to see you there!

*Check our Facebook and this website for updates.*

# AGENCY UPDATES...

**Agape Distribution:** The food pantry is still operating normal business hours. Clients have curb side service versus going through the store. They will be asked to park in front of the store on Brooklyn and call 937-498-4368 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 curb side and call in and provide the certificate to the staff member. They are serving over 75 families a day. Agape needs 8-12 volunteers daily. Please call 937-498-4368 to volunteer. Agape's mobile pantry is still open and operating their monthly schedule. First Saturday of the Month: Port Jefferson 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Maplewood 12:30-3:30 pm Second Saturday of the Month: Botkins 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Anna 12:30 to 3:30 pm Third Saturday of the Month: Russia 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Fort Loramie 12:30 to 2:30 pm Fourth Saturday of the Month: Lockington 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 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. They are serving over 90 people a day.

**Sidney Salvation Army** food pantry is open Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm. Food delivery to shut-ins, 937-492-5013.

**FISH Community Thrift** is open Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 am 2:30 pm and Sat. 10:00-12:00 pm.

**Shelby County Veteran Services** is open normal business hours. Veteran's and their families needing food assistance can visit the office or call ahead to 937-498-7282. A staff member will bring the food out to the client.

**Jackson Center Fish Pond Food Pantry** is operating 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, 937-492-9400. Screening questions will be asked. Medication can be picked up in the lobby.

The **Sidney-Shelby County YMCA** operated a Pandemic Child Care Center for all Essential Workers. They are now open to all child care clients and have resumed normal operations, interested families can call 937-492-9134.

**Wilma Valentine Child Care** operated a Pandemic Child Care Center for Essential Workers. They are now open to all child care clients and have resumed normal operations. Interested families can call Nancy 937-658-6763. For more information Visit [www.wvchildcare.com](http://www.wvchildcare.com)

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library** books are continuing to be mailed monthly to children 0-5 yrs old. Go to [ImaginationLibrary.com](http://ImaginationLibrary.com) to register and read with your children daily.

**New Choices Domestic Violence Shelter** is operating as normal 24 hours a day. Hotline is 937-498-7261.

**Shelby County Victim Services** is still operational and on call 24 hours a day for crisis situations.

**Shelby County CASA** is still operating normal office hours with a limited staff. Advocates are still following the case plan of the children served and in person visits are taking place as needed.

**Sheriff STAR House** is operating normal business hours, 24 hours a day and is close to full capacity.

**Samaritan Works** Sober Living Homes are operating normal business hours, 24 hours a day.

**SafeHaven** is delivering meals to their clients and calling their clients for wellness checks. They have also reopened to those who are comfortable with coming in. Call 937-658-6930 or email [safehavendouglas@woh.rr.com](mailto:safehavendouglas@woh.rr.com)

**Clear Creek Farms** group homes are operating 24 hours a day.

**Catholic Social Services** is continuing with their Senior Services, including PASSPORT, as well as Counseling and Parenting Services remotely through phone and video chat during normal 8:00am-5:00pm business hours, 937-498-4593. They are also offering in person mental health counseling Tues, Wed, & Thurs. by appointment.

**Family Resource Center** is currently providing tele-health services. Therapy sessions are available via phone and video. Care Navigators are available to assist clients with any technological challenges they may face. Services are available for youth and adults. Call 937-710-4616 Monday - Friday from 9 am - 5 pm. Visit Family Resource Center COVID-19 web-page for more information including the Family Toolkit which provides families and individuals with the tools necessary to be well socially and emotionally.

**American Red Cross** is still responding to disasters and fire emergency needs.

**Bridges Community Action Partnership** has started seeing customers face to face on an appointment basis. They are providing rent/utility assistance, homeless prevention and shelter services as well as Summer Crisis Program starting July 1st. You can call their office at 937-507-9341 to schedule an appointment.

Please visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) to learn more or call during the hours of 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, 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.

# SHELBY COUNTY UNITED WAY COVID-19 RESPONSE...

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.

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDING

**Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance - \$45,000**

**Food Assistance - \$10,000**

**2020 Recovery Fund - \$10,000**

**Partnered with WOFB to host Food Distribution Drive Through**



\*As of 5/15/2020

The Shelby County United Way has also partnered with the Community Foundation of Shelby County for a charitable fund - **2020 Recovery Fund**



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County-** Have youth waiting to be matched with a mentor (937-492-7611)

**Shelby County CASA/GAL** is looking for volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children (937-498-7447)

**Compassionate Care of Shelby County** needs trained medical providers willing to volunteer and see patients (937-492-9400)

**FISH of Shelby County** is an all-volunteer thrift store (937-492-1760)

**Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley** is in need of volunteers to serve seniors (937-498-4593)

**Job and Family Services of Shelby County** are recruiting foster parents (937-497-7611)

**Alpha Community Center and Holy Angels Soup Kitchen** rely on volunteers to cook and prepare lunch meals (937-498-9758) and (937-498-0598)

**Agape Distribution Inc** uses volunteers daily to stock food on the shelves and unload product (937-498-4368)

**POWER-Shelby County United Way** will need kindergarten tutors Monday through Thursdays from 9-10 am (937-492-2101), pending school accommodations for fall back-to-school time

