

RESPOND. RECOVER. REIMAGINE. REBUILD. ➤

The United Way COVID-19 Fund will meet the growing needs of local families for food, housing assistance and employment as well as supporting the education needs of children and youth.

COMMUNITY NEEDS:

Food: Since the end of February 2020, United Way 2-1-1 has received nearly 7,000 calls from people in our region about food, almost triple the number as compared to the same time last year. A majority of those going to distribution sites have never needed food pantry assistance before.

Housing: In the last two months alone, 2-1-1 requests for housing assistance increased by more than 10% compared to the same time last year.

Jobs: Connecticut's unemployment rate continues to be high - more than double the rate at this time last year; more families are struggling to make ends meet as a result.

Education: Since school started, 5,000 students statewide have not participated in any in-person or virtual learning. Total school enrollment statewide has dropped 3% across all grades with 20% fewer preschool students enrolled in public school and 12% fewer enrolled in Kindergarten.

In addition to concerns around learning loss, school closures and/or modified hours and limited capacity of childcare and youth programs also present challenges for working parents in order to provide for their families.

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BUILDING BACK BETTER:

United Way provided immediate, emergency assistance to nearly 15,000 people thanks to the support of generous donors, businesses and philanthropic partners. Funding supported programs providing youth with academic support, adults with job training; telehealth and counseling services, and emergency assistance for rent, utilities, food and shelter. We also provided direct financial assistance to individuals who lost their jobs, were furloughed or experiencing other hardships to ensure basic needs were met. And we coordinated distributions of facemasks to community organizations across the region.

United Way brings together the people, resources and organizations to address immediate needs and find long-term solutions, including recovery from the effects of the pandemic.

Our COVID-19 Fund will focus on:

Essential Services: We are coordinating with community partners, schools and municipalities to ensure immediate, basic needs are met. We are also providing financial assistance to residents economically affected by pandemic through municipal and community partners.

Public Awareness: We are partnering with healthcare providers and municipalities to ensure residents receive accurate, timely information on the COVID-19 vaccine and other important resources. We also are providing information on free financial management resources through employers and community partners.

Mobilizing Resources: We will continue to connect volunteers virtually to opportunities that help youth succeed academically and families achieve financial security. We will also coordinate donations of face masks and other personal protection equipment to keep children and adults safe.

By Uniting together, we can go beyond creating a "new normal" and create a "better normal".
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