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United Way's Relief Call Center powered by *Driving The Dream*

Since its launch, the United Way Relief Call Center powered by *Driving The Dream* has served more than 78 individuals and families needing emergency services.

Top requests from families include:

1. Income
2. Food & Nutrition
3. Shelter/Housing

More than half of the requests received are being referred through *Driving The Dream's* shared database system and are receiving timely follow-up to requests.

A Back-to-Business Framework presented by the Joint COVID-19 Task Force

Working through the Joint COVID-19 Task Force, Shelby County government, the City of Memphis, and the six suburban municipalities have implemented proactive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. These measures have helped mitigate the progression of the disease locally. [Learn more](#)

Shelby County COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

On April 15, 2020, the Division of Community Services was designated \$500,000 to establish the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Program to provide social services for residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund program offers three (3) categories of designated relief:

- Rent/Mortgage Assistance
- Utility Assistance
- Emergency Food/Essentials/Prescription Assistance

View eligibility requirements and apply [here](#).

Workforce Development Resources

The Greater Memphis Chamber is maintaining a listing of companies in Memphis with immediate hiring needs. [Click here](#) for the full list.

Tennessee Talent Exchange powered by Jobs4TN, a new initiative to help you find work in the grocery, retail and logistics industries [now](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Dress for Success Memphis - Join Dress for Success for an hour of networking and learning at these upcoming Virtual Workshops.

- General Assembly, a leader in education for upskilling in tech, offering Free Fridays - [Click here](#) to register for an upcoming session
- Join Dress for Success' group on [The Riveter](#)
- Who Is On Your Dream Team? Building Social Capital in the Time of COVID-19 - [Register](#)
- Reassess, Realign, Renew: Three Rs for Successful Planning - [Register](#)

Driving The Dream Systems Training: CaseWorthy - CaseWorthy went live on April 30th. Additional training sessions will be scheduled for anyone unable to attend previously and those needing additional guidance. More information on those dates in the weeks to come. Please direct all CaseWorthy and system transition questions to Eric.Burden@uwmidssouth.org.

Momentum Nonprofit Partners to host virtual training opportunities - [Click here](#) to register for an upcoming session

Partner Agency Updates

- **Families Matter** - We are available to offer relationship and skill-building services for Moms, Dads, and teens. Social Distancing is painful for everyone, but for teens, during the most social time of his or her life, it can be devastating. Our staff is available to provide you with tips and positive interactions to help you and your teens manage. Our partner, Christ Community Health Services, has Behavioral Health Consultants, available via-telehealth, ready to assist with anxiety, depression, and loneliness. [Contact us](#) to learn more or speak with a Behavioral Health Consultant at 901-842-3160.
- **Progeny Place** - Staff working remotely, however, we are open for business. Below are the services we are providing while working remotely:
 - Online job search capabilities via MidSouthWorks. We are currently enhancing capabilities, allowing employers to chat live with jobseekers.
 - Wrap-around support referral services to address barriers faced by jobseekers such as housing, transportation, food insecurity, etc.
 - Virtual Job Fair to take place in the month of May.
 - Online entrepreneurship classes for women and minorities.
 - Virtual Career Counselling via zoom or over the phone.
 - Direct support to local employers needing to fill open positions.
- **Shelby County Schools** - SCS is accepting applications for its Pre-K Program. [Click here](#) for requirements and to apply.
- **Shelby County Trustee** - We implemented some changes which will remain in place through at least Friday, May 15th, subject to extension, including limited public access to our offices on the upper floors at 157 Poplar. We encourage you to do business with us through our smartphone app at Paylt901, through the mail, or online www.shelbycountytrustee.com, and our staff is available by phone at 222-0200. Please mail us a money order or check rather than bringing cash. Mailed payments are good for the date of the postmark and if you request a receipt, one will be sent to you. You can also print tax receipts from our website. If you have been financially impacted by this crisis and are unable to pay your property taxes, please contact our office at 222-0200 about a payment plan. Our team will try to help. For more information and to read Trustee Newman's full update, click [here](#).

DTD Updates

If your agency has an update to share, please email Chelsea.Brock@uwmidssouth.org or Karlescia.Brookins@uwmidssouth.org so we can maintain accurate information. Additionally, you can contact your associate to provide, or receive, updated information.

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