2020 EVENTS

United Way of the Mid-South’s **Signature Events** occur annually supporting our mission. The **Volunteer Events** are large community service opportunities. **Women United** focuses on advocacy and service to impact domestic violence, adult education and financial empowerment. **Blue Tote Bag Events** allow individuals to build capacity for Mid-Southerners.

**EVENT KEY**
- **Signature Events**
- **Volunteer Events**
- **Women United Events**
- **Blue Tote Bag Events**

**JANUARY**

**January 20, 2020**
**Free Tax Prep Sites OPEN - Volunteers Welcome!**
Volunteer to create a community of financial empowerment by helping individuals and families receive a “tax time boost.”

**January 21, 2020**
**Annual Business Meeting**
The Annual Business Meeting celebrates the contributions of our supporters and their efforts in driving the dreams of Mid-Southerners.

**January 30, 2020**
**Women United Annual Membership Meeting**
Women United’s second annual membership meeting offers interested ladies the chance to hear about first year accomplishments, upcoming advocacy opportunities and ways to get involved.

**FEBRUARY**

**February 15, 2020**
**Tax-A-Thon**
Tax-a-Thon increases the number of individuals and families receiving free tax help and raises awareness about tax credits for working families by providing tax services.

**MARCH**

**March 28, 2020**
**Women United Stone Soup**
Stone Soup is a family-friendly event to assemble meals for donation to homeless shelters. This event demonstrates the power of collective contributions to support our neighbors in need.

**APRIL**

**April 18, 2020**
**Plane Pull**
The Plane Pull is the ultimate tug-of-war competition as teams of 25 people compete to pull an aircraft 12 feet as quickly as possible.

**MAY**

**May 12, 2020**
**Women United Policy Luncheon**
Engage in a spirited discussion with expert speakers on the topic of inequity of pay for women and learn how to advocate for women in our community.

**JUNE**

**June 18, 2020**
**Best of the Best Awards**
The “Best of the Best” Awards is an acknowledgement of our workplace campaigns and all of our wonderful corporate volunteers!

**JULY**

**July 1, 2020**
**Women United Voter Registration Drive**
Join Women United as they encourage voter registration and raise awareness about the opportunities associated with being a registered voter.

**July 1-31, 2020**
**Stuff The Bus School Supply Drive**
Collect school supplies to ensure academic success for area youth. This event culminates with a day-long drive to raise awareness and supplies for Mid-South teachers.

**AUGUST**

**August 16-September 16, 2020**
**Women United Domestic Violence Collection Drive**
Support our collection drive to ensure women and children living in shelters have the necessities they need to get back on their feet.

**SEPTEMBER**

**September 2020**
**Community Impact Town Hall**
The Community Impact Town Hall is a community-wide gathering that features a keynote speaker to heighten local awareness on alleviating poverty.
United Way of the Mid-South offers a wide variety of high-energy, high-impact volunteer events, designed to be both engaging and inspiring. Sometimes you just can’t get away, but you want to serve in some way... well, we have the answer! Join us in helping build the capacity of our nonprofit partners and assist those in need through our Blue Tote Bag Initiative.

Contact us at volunteer@uwmidsouth.org to get your bag(s) TODAY!

BLUE TOTE BAG INITIATIVES

FOOD/PANTRY DRIVES

Items needed:
**Non-Perishable Foods:** canned beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, canned juice, canned vegetables, soup, canned tuna or chicken, nuts, shelf-stable milk, whole grain rice and pasta, cereal, olive or canola oil, dried fruits, granola bars, chicken stock, beef and vegetable broth, pudding cups, etc.

United Way agencies that can use these items:
- Catholic Charities
- Friends for Life
- Good Neighbor Love Center
- Olive Branch Community Food Ministry
- Sacred Heart Southern Missions
- Samaritans

HYGIENE KITS

**Items needed:**
**Adult Kits:** shampoo, soap, washcloths, small make-up bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, lip balm, feminine hygiene products, journal books, pens.
**Children’s Kits:** children’s shampoo, brush/comb, small stuffed animals, children’s book, crayons, coloring books.

**United Way agencies that can use these items:**
- Alpha Omega Veterans Services
- American Red Cross
- Catholic Charities
- Grace House
- Families in Transition
- Fayette Cares
- Friends for Life
- Memphis Recovery Centers, Inc.
- The Salvation Army
- Synergy
- YWCA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
*Women United Domestic Violence Sort Day*
Volunteer to sort the donated items received during the collection drive.

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2020
*Days of Caring*
Days of Caring is the community’s largest volunteer-driven service opportunity. Volunteer with local nonprofits and contribute to the most impactful projects in our community.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1-16, 2020
*Trunk or Treat Candy Drive*
Donate bags of candy to supply sweet treats for the annual “Trunk or Treat on Tillman Street” Fall Festival.

OCTOBER 24, 2020
*Trunk or Treat on Tillman Street*
The annual “Trunk or Treat on Tillman Street” Fall Festival is a safe, family-friendly event to connect with our neighboring community and the community-at-large.

NOVEMBER

November 2-20, 2020
*Bountiful Baskets Food Drive*
(In partnership with our Labor partners) Donate non-perishable items for Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 14, 2020
*Women United Policy Pitch Night*
Join us to hear policy ideas on ways to improve our city from legislative offices, in the areas of Financial Empowerment, Domestic Violence and Adult Education.
BLUE TOTE BAG INITIATIVES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Items needed:
3-ring binders, calculators, colored pencils, composition
notebooks, copy paper, crayons, earbuds, folders with
pockets, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, ink pens, loose leaf
paper, pencils, pencil bags, spiral notebooks, tissue.

United Way agencies that can use these items:
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, Boys and
Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region, Children and
Family Services, Girls Inc., LaGoshen Family Life Center,
YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South, YWCA

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Items needed:
Children's books, puzzles, board games, building
blocks, educational toys, backpacks, arts and crafts
kits, markers, construction paper, crayons.

United Way agencies that can use these items:
Children and Family Services, Harwood Center, Hope
House, Kindred Place, Knowledge Quest, Memphis
Oral School for the Deaf, Porter-Leath, Tunica County
Literacy Council

DISASTER RELIEF

Items needed:
Diapers, wipes, lip balm, combs/brushes, shampoo/
conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products,
first aid items, lotion, razors, sanitizers, reusable
water bottles, soap, socks, sunscreen, toothbrush/toothpaste,
underwear, washcloths, towels, blankets.

United Way agencies that can use these items:
American Red Cross, Fayette County Technical
Rescue Team

COMFORT KITS

Items needed:
Sheets, towels, blankets, socks, house slippers,
reading glasses, scarves, devotional/inspirational
books, handwritten encouraging notes, hand soap,
lotion, seasonal items.

United Way agencies that can use these items:
Memphis Jewish Home, Meritan, Tipton County
and Fayette County Commission on Aging

BASICS FOR BABIES

Items needed:
New mother books, diapers, wipes, baby ointment,
burping cloths, bibs, thermometers, hand sanitizer,
tissue.

United Way agencies that can use these items:
Children and Family Services, Families in Transition,
Fayette Cares, Hope House, Knowledge Quest,
Porter-Leath, The Salvation Army, YWCA