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United Way of South Texas Responds to Local COVID-19

Thank You! Because of your contributions, we continue to deliver services through our partner agencies.

The United Way of South Texas Board is committed to responding to the emerging social service needs related to COVID-19. Circumstances are dynamic and changing rapidly, but United Way and its partners continue to work to ensure that essential services, such as food, shelter, utilities, and information referrals are available. This month, United Way opened a COVID-19 Community Fund and issued \$20,000 to partner agencies that are providing rent, shelter, and food to residents affected by the pandemic. Your contributions are helping to make the following programs and services available during this time of need:



United Way of South Texas Serving Hidalgo & Starr Counties

HOUSING

- Emergency 24-hour homeless shelter
- Emergency housing for victims of domestic violence
- Emergency shelter for victims of natural disasters
- Military communications to bring soldiers home during disasters
- Rental assistance
- Utility assistance

HEALTH

- Counseling for individuals overcoming substance abuse and addiction through Zoom and phone sessions
- Weekly calls to expecting mothers to offer counseling and emotional support
- SANE examinations, forensic interviews, and mental health services for child abuse victims
- End-of-life care services
- Distribution of personal hygiene kits

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

- Virtual education learning programs
- Home delivery of educational activity packets
- Heroes Club for children of first responders
- Webcercise Program
- Triple Play daily exercise challenges

FOOD SECURITY

- Over 2,000 meals served daily
- Grab-and-Go services prepared daily for children and their families, victims of domestic violence and the homeless
- Daily communication with the elderly to identify and meet basic needs, and offer referrals to other resources

"211" Information and Referral representatives are answering over 1,000 calls daily from local residents inquiring about social services in the Rio Grande Valley.

The United Way of South Texas Board of Directors established a COVID-19 Community Fund, specifically for partners responding to basic COVID-19 needs. United Way is proud to partner with the Wells Fargo Foundation, the Truist Foundation, BBVA Foundation, One Gas Foundation, and H-E-B to provide economic relief to families affected by the pandemic.

\$300 TAX DEDUCTION

This year, your contribution of up to \$300, will count as a deduction on your 2020 Tax Return—even if you do not itemize your taxes.

