COVID-19 UPDATE

The health and safety of our community, along with the well-being of our staff, volunteers, and program partners, is our priority as we continue to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our area.

Please see below for an update on our office hours and information on our community.

OFFICE HOURS

United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley's office will be closed until April 24, 2020, in compliance of <u>Governor Evers' Safer at Home Order</u>. All staff is working from home and can be contacted via email. Follow us on <u>Facebook or visit our website for updates</u>.

QUICK RESPONSE COMMUNITY FUND

United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley (UWGCV) and the Eau Claire Community Foundation (ECCF) have established the Quick Response Community Fund to rapidly deploy financial resources to Eau Claire area nonprofits that serve community members disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak and its economic consequences.

ECCF will cover administrative fees, so 100% of donations will support local nonprofits. To donate, please visit Quick Response Emergency Fund.

"This fund is designed to give added support to those organizations experiencing additional stresses on their services due to increased demand, changes in service delivery, reduced volunteer assistance, and increased staffing needs. These are the organizations on the front lines of caring for vulnerable populations and providing a safety net for individuals impacted by the loss of jobs and benefits or the closure of institutions," said Jan Porath, Executive Director of United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley.

ECCF and UWGCV are also collaborating with Marshfield Clinic Health System and other area foundations. They are in constant communication with the Community Foundation of Dunn County and the Community Foundation of Chippewa County in their efforts to support their areas' nonprofits.

"This collaboration in support of local nonprofits is funded by the generosity of the people of our community," explained Sue Bornick, Executive Director of the Eau Claire Community Foundation. "We also encourage donors to connect with nonprofits that are important to them and find out what help they might need to weather the crisis. Now is the time to come together and look out for the most vulnerable among us."

We would appreciate your support for the Quick Response Community Fund, but we also encourage community members to give directly to organizations they regularly support. Please give in whatever way best meets your needs and those of the nonprofits you care about.

VOTING

There is still time to vote via absentee balloting. Please visit <u>myvote.wi.gov</u> to request an absentee ballot. If you do not have a photo ID on file with your municipal clerk you will have to upload one.

For information on drive-up voting, please see:

- Eau Claire
- Chippewa Falls

Feel free to reach out to our staff by emailing info@uwgcv.org with any questions.

Stay safe!

Jan Porath Executive Director



Text "COVID19" to 211-211

to access information and resources regarding COVID-19.



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Visit uwgcv.org/covid-19 **for more information**.