

United Way of the Capital Region

COVID-19 Basic Needs Response and Recovery Fund

Q&A

Q: Why is United Way of the Capital Region involved in the COVID-19 conversation?

A: United Way is always on the front lines of community problems, both everyday problems, and crises. In times of natural disaster, our United Way works to ensure resources are available to support our region. When it comes to COVID-19, we will work with community, business and government leaders to collect and share critical information to help those in need. This includes 211, a vital 24/7 resource to connect individuals to programs and services in the Capital Region.

Q: Why is United Way of the Capital Region supporting this effort?

A: United Way of the Capital Region has established the COVID-19 Basic Needs Response and Recovery Fund to support nonprofit organizations associated with our United Way that are dealing with the tremendous increase in demand for basic needs services. This includes food, clothing and shelter. Funds will support immediate and recovery needs as the Capital Region navigates these uncharted waters. 100% of your donation will go directly to programs and services in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties.

Q: How will the money help?

A: COVID-19 is both a health and economic crisis. As social distancing and self-quarantining become our new normal, we're facing new economic challenges. Many industries are seeing sales plummet, and many workers are losing tips, wages, or their jobs because of canceled events, business, and school closures and quarantines. Closed schools also mean that children from low-wage families might not eat breakfast or lunch.

Through the Fund, our United Way will provide support to local nonprofit organizations to help individuals and families facing these challenges. We believe it is our role to help our community when its needed most.

Q: Will United Way share information about the impact of funds raised?

A: Yes. United Way of the Capital Region is transparent in all areas of work. We will publicly share information about organizations receiving funds from this effort and how the funds will be used.

Q: What resources are available to support individuals in need?

A: United Way's 211 service is a 24/7 resource available by simply calling 211 or visiting uwp.org/211gethelp. This service connects individuals to local programs and services.

To donate to United Way of the Capital Region's COVID-19 Basic Needs Response and Recovery Fund, visit uwcr.org/donate.

