# **Volunteer Center Network**

Virtual Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, Aug. 26 | 9:30 AM**

***NOTE: All public updates for 2020 Campaign Kickoff and Day of Caring can be found online at:*** [***https://www.uwofsc.org/news/2020-campaign-kickoff-and-day-of-caring/***](https://www.uwofsc.org/news/2020-campaign-kickoff-and-day-of-caring/)

**Day of Caring: Volunteer Opportunities**

Day of Caring postings went LIVE yesterday (8/25/20). Please keep posting opportunities as businesses will be starting to sign up.

* [In-person Opportunities](https://volunteersheboygan.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/event/?doc_id=5968); following CDC/Public Health guidelines.
* [Virtual Opportunities](https://volunteersheboygan.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/event/?doc_id=5966); Tours can be a great option for businesses and connecting individuals with your mission while we have to be from a distance.
* [Wishlist Items](https://volunteersheboygan.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/event/?doc_id=5967); This includes drive items. This is another great way for businesses to participate safely with their employees.
	+ Example: Book Drive with United Way’s Emerging Leaders
* [Sept. 1, 2020 Marketing Launch](https://facebook.com/unitedwaysheboygancounty); United Way will be promoting all aspects of this year’s Day of Caring online and within our networks strongly starting next week. We encourage you to share or create your own content to promote the day and getting involved with your agency!

Reach out if you have any questions to Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org).

**Acts of Kindness Challenge**

Acts of Kindness Challenge is a list of ways people can give back starting Sept. 1st and going until Oct. 8th.

Participants complete as many acts from the list below by Oct. 8th and submit them online at uwofsc.org or by mail to 2020 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081 for a chance to win a Kwik Trip gift card.

We will also be doing a Social Media Campaign to encourage/challenge people to join in and spread seeds of kindness.

**EXAMPLE POST:**
KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS! 2020 has brought on many challenges. One challenge I’m happy to participate in is the Acts of Kindness Challenge hosted by @UnitedWaySheboyganCounty.

The Act of Kindness I completed was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To spread kindness, I challenge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to join me in completing an Act of Kindness to show that we can still make a difference when we act together (even while we are apart). #actsofkindness #unitedwerise

We encourage your agency to find an acts of kindness that connects with your mission and promote that within your networks. Conversations in the chat included making cards for clients or your workers (this is an item on the Acts of Kindness list!).

Acts of Kindness Challenge full list will be available on September 1. Reach out if you have any questions to Katelyn Piper (katelyn@uwofsc.org).

**Virtual Kickoff Event**

The kickoff event (normally held at the Sheboygan A’s) will be virtual this year. Please share this event and other details of the day within your network. Registration information will be live September 1st online at [www.uwofsc.org](http://www.uwofsc.org).

**Conversation on ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed**

UWSC staff is reviewing the report that was recently released to share with the public on October 1st at noon. This latest report was conducted prior to COVID but the report serves as a great launching pad for further discussions regarding how COVID has impacted our area and how the nonprofit sector continues to respond to our community’s needs. Registration information and conversation details will be live September 1st online at [www.uwofsc.org](http://www.uwofsc.org).

**Future Meetings**

It was agreed that our next meeting will be in late October/early November. Meetings after that will follow the normal quarterly schedule unless needed otherwise.

**Agency Shares**

* **Above & Beyond:** Under the Sea Community Wall is an engagement piece for children to send in under the sea creatures to be presented in their windows at the museum. Future engagement around this idea are in the works as well.
* **Meals On Wheels:** New Volunteer Coordinator!
* **Lakeshore CAP:** They have received rental assistance funding that can expand eligibility. Households that might not have been accepted before will be higher priority with this new funding stream. Application is available online in English and Spanish. (<https://lakeshorecap.org/supportive-housing/>)
* **Safe Harbor:** New Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator as well.
* **Horizon4Girls:** Virtual 5k Run to Stop Bullying coming up.
* **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** School based program will be virtual this year. Always looking for ‘bigs.’
* **Kindred Heart Families:** Giving out backpacks (175-200). They are also planning a poker run.
* **Junior Achievement:** Programming quickly became available virtually. <https://jausa.ja.org/>
* **RCS:** Shine On fundraiser will be completely virtual on November 13 and on November 14 they will be hosting a drive thru event for the community to view the holiday trees and a brat fry.
* **Nourish:** Grilling event this week!

Reminder: Reach out to Gina to add new staff members to the Volunteer Center email list.

**EVENT CALENDARS**

As you plan your upcoming events, we wanted to share with you two resources to post your event on as you plan and finalize your events:

* As you **plan** your events, [click here to fill this form out for access to the shared Nonprofit Google Calendar](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf_yi_i3bposvHxUws5BclvpPnYZdepJpDCUB6yf8FrEkrMg/viewform). This can help you see what other nonprofit events are being planned in our community. (This google form is hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters) (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf_yi_i3bposvHxUws5BclvpPnYZdepJpDCUB6yf8FrEkrMg/viewform>)
* As your events are **finalized**, [click here to post event details on Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce](https://business.sheboygan.org/events/public-submission). This can help you spread the word about your upcoming event. (<https://business.sheboygan.org/events/public-submission>)