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Giving Partner Agency & Resource Directory
United Way of West Alabama strengthens education, income stability and health in our community by developing resources and partnerships.

Who You Gonna Call?
2-1-1 Information & Referral Call Center / 2-1-1 is a 24-hour referral system for human service needs staffed by trained specialists.

How Can 2-1-1 Help You?
- emergency shelter
- utility bill assistance
- food & clothing
- school supplies
- transportation
- prescription assistance
- child and senior daycare
- job training & more

Proudly serving: nine counties in West Alabama: Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa.

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United Way COVID19 Fund.org
Gifts to the West Alabama Community Response Fund directly help those critically impacted by COVID-19.

No work so I have absolutely no way to pay my rent or food assistance for my kids. - Kimberly

Hours at work are decreased, and childcare center is closed. I need assistance with paying bills. - Ed

United Way’s Role in COVID-19 Relief
1) 2-1-1 Helpline Calls Increased 400%
- Helped with utility bills, rent, mortgages, medicine & food with grants ranging from $170-1,900
- 98% of applicants asked for help for the first time
- Managed screening process/application for funds

2) UWWA coordinating Tuscaloosa’s volunteer opportunities
- Created & managed COVID-19 Resource Guide
- Funded front-line agencies with grants to stay open
- Coordinated distribution of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers & The University of Alabama’s HES-designed face masks to frontline agencies

3) Black Belt and rural counties support
- Awarded $82,000+ to COVID-19 front line agencies operating in the Black Belt & rural counties

4) Success By 6 school readiness support
- Created A Cup of Sunshine online homeschooling program for parents & Milk & Cookies online children’s activities

Additional United Way Resources
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WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

Increasing school success for students PreK through Higher Education & helping adults develop career readiness skills

The counseling and care that I received from Family Counseling Services eased my anxiety and improved my outlook. - Gene

Providing medical prevention & services for all ages, addiction & recovery programs, and offer programs for seniors and special needs children and adults to remain as independent as possible

The 2-1-1 Helpline gave me a job list and encouragement to help me find a job. - Jacqueline

Providing basic needs and human services & enhancing career and financial literacy skills to be able to earn a living wage

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UWWA PARTNER SERVICE AGENCIES

UWWA supports 26 local partner service agencies and other community partners to address the critical education, income related, health and emergency needs in our community. More than 134,000 people in West Alabama benefited from or used the services of UWWA and its partner service agencies in 2019.

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Alabama Head Injury Foundation / Serves those disabled by brain or spinal cord injuries through financial assistance, respite care, camps and support groups

$10 could provide 30 minutes of respite care to a caregiver/family member caring for a Traumatic Brain Injury survivor.

American Red Cross / Disaster relief, services to military, CPR/First Aid/Safety classes

$10 would provide three hot meals served at a shelter or mobile feeding site.

The Arc of Tuscaloosa County / Job skills training and placement for adults age 21 and older

$10 would pay for 10 round trips on The Tuscaloosa Trolley system to provide transportation for prevocational training and employment.

Arts 'n Autism / Provides autism services in Tuscaloosa and surrounding counties to children from preschool to young adults

$10 will buy 5 canvases for art class

Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama / Screened volunteers provide one-on-one mentorship to at-risk children

$10 would cover the cost of one Little to attend a movie on a field trip with our entire agency or on a one-on-one trip with their Big.

Boy Scouts of America (Black Warrior Council) / Citizenship, fitness and leadership opportunities for young adults

$10 could provide supplies for a group of boys for a weekly meeting.

Boys & Girls Clubs of West Alabama / Education, recreation, and leadership programs for children and youth

$10 could cover the cost of a summer field trip for one child.

Caring Days Adult Day Care / Day care for adults with Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and other forms of dementia

$10 can cover the cost of snacks for one day.

Child Abuse Prevention Services / Provides education for children, parents and the community-at-large to prevent child abuse and neglect.

$10 can buy crib sheets for parents in the Nurturing Baby/Safe Sleep program.

Easternseals West Alabama / Provides assistance to children and adults with physical disabilities

$10 can buy books for children ages 2-5 in the Parents as Teachers program.

Family Counseling Service / Counseling for individuals and families

$10 could provide a therapeutic toy for use in play therapy with troubled children.

Five Horizons Health Services / HIV/AIDS education and prevention services and programs

$10 could purchase non-perishable food items for Five Horizons' food bank.

FOCUS 50+ / Programs and services for senior citizens

$10 would buy two round trips for medical and shopping purposes for a senior in need.

Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama / Educational and recreational programs for girls

$10 will purchase a Girl Scout membership and world association pin.

Good Samaritan Clinic / Provides primary health care to the uninsured with incomes at or below federal poverty guidelines

$10 can buy a 90-day supply of medications for patients.

Guardsmen of West Alabama / Education, recreation, and leadership programs for children and youth

Hospice of West Alabama / Professional health care support for the terminally ill either inpatient or at home care

$10 would purchase various steroid medications, some pain medication, stomach reflux medications and some antihistamine medications.

Phoenix House / Halfway house for drug and alcohol dependent men and women

$10 could purchase a client's personal-hygiene products, such as shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.

Salvation Army / Emergency food and lodging for those without shelter

$10 could provide a meal for a family of five.

The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America - West Alabama Chapter / Improves health status of families affected by sickle cell disease and other abnormal hemoglobin disorders while increasing awareness and aiding in the search for a cure

$10 can provide a two month supply of antibiotics to an infant that has Sickle Cell Disease.

Temporary Emergency Services / Help to those in need, including food, clothing & emergency medicine

$10 could buy personal hygiene items such as female items, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Turning Point / Safe shelter and counseling for abuse victims and their children

$10 could provide for a "personal kit" that is given to clients upon their arrival in the shelter.

Tuscaloosa’s One Place / Providing support services to families and helps develop skills and resources to improve the family’s quality of life

$10 could buy school supplies for children in the after-school program.

United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama / Provides services to persons with special abilities

$10 could buy books for children in the after-school program.

YMCA of Tuscaloosa County / Youth, adult, and family athletics; community education and clubs

$10 could provide basic school supplies for one child for a nine week grading period.