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Charles Butt Donates \$500,000 to United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (June 9, 2020) – [United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County](#) has received a generous gift of \$500,000 from Charles Butt to support individuals and families in long-term COVID-19 recovery efforts. The current COVID-19 crisis has magnified the critical issues in our community and highlighted the needs for the most vulnerable individuals and families. United Way's 2-1-1 has been receiving over 1,000 calls daily with the top basic needs requests focused on housing/shelter/rent, food, utilities, public assistance and public health.

Given the lack of basic needs, the additional stresses, and unpredictability of the current climate, United Way is supporting individuals and families to ensure they have resources and support to keep children and families safe, stable, and nurtured. This funding will impact the work of [United Way's Ready Children Impact Council](#) and [ReadyKidSA](#), focused on growing happy, healthy, and ready children and [United Way's Strong Individuals and Families Impact Council](#), focused on ensuring that all individuals and families are stable, flourish economically, reach their full potential and maintain a quality of life free of discrimination. The donation from Mr. Butt will directly support individuals and families we know have emerged as a result of this crisis. Through Mr. Butt's generous donation, United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County will continue to address priority areas including early childhood education support, access to prenatal care, child abuse prevention and intervention, and prevention and intervention services that interrupt the cycle of family violence.

Additionally, the donation from Mr. Butt will support the local [Get Shift Done](#) initiative led by United Way. Through Get Shift Done, we currently have more than 650 individuals who are not working due to unemployment from the hospitality industry registered in our systems for shifts. United Way nonprofit partners are reporting an 84 percent decrease in volunteer activities, leading to understaffed organizations attempting to meet the basic needs of significantly more families than they used to. The Get Shift Done opportunity has three main benefits:

- Provides food service workers who have lost their paychecks a chance to earn an hourly wage
- Supports nonprofits providing hunger relief with volunteers to help meet the surge in demand
- Allows people who know food the chance to help people who need food

“We are grateful for the strong leadership of Charles Butt not only in the San Antonio Community but across the state of Texas. His dedication, commitment, and longtime generosity to our local United Way is greatly appreciated ,” said Chris Martin, president and CEO of United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County.

About United Way

[United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County](#) focuses on preparing children for school and life, helping students graduate and succeed, strengthening the well-being of individuals and families, and providing safety net services (food, clothing, shelter, and emergency care.) United Way also operates the [2-1-1 Help Line](#) and fosters volunteerism through the [Volunteer Center at United Way](#).
