

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Thanks to the contributions from donors, volunteers, and incredible partnerships we have across the community, United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County has been able to nimbly and decisively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, creating new resources to address the new and urgent needs of our community. Living UNITED means helping everyone, especially the most vulnerable, as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together.

- + COVID-19 Community Response Fund:** United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County worked with the San Antonio Area Foundation to establish the COVID-19 Community Response Fund and awarded \$6 million to over 150 local nonprofits. The fund provided San Antonians opportunity to give with the reassurance their donations would be responsibly invested to quickly deploy resources where they were most needed.
- + COVID-19 Emergency Childcare Assistance Program:** United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County invested \$400,000 to provide three weeks of emergency assistance for parents or guardians who had to leave home to go to work and were struggling to respond to the demands of providing childcare for their children, including young babies, pre-school-aged children and school-age youth 12 years old and younger whose schools were closed.
- + Get Shift Done:** United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County partnered with Get Shift Done and invested \$800,000 to keep food service workers who have lost their paychecks and provide immediate support to nonprofits providing hunger relief for the recent surge in demand. The initiative provided wages to hourly workers, who in turn serve volunteer shifts at local nonprofit organizations, preparing, serving or delivering food to the area's children, elderly, individuals and families in need.
- + SAUnited4Good:** United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County launched the website, saunited4good.org, to gather volunteer opportunities, stories and data from nonprofits, helping the community assess the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, while providing a robust online repository to help local charities that may have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 connect to volunteers.
- + Thank-A-Thon:** United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County created a community-wide thank-a-thon to collect and distribute over 1,000 notes of gratitude and encouragement for essential workers from individuals across our city.

RESPONSE TO RACIAL INJUSTICE

Racial injustices have left an indelible mark throughout U.S. history, and the recent tragic events in Minnesota and Georgia, and the protests that have swept our nation in reaction to those events, underscore that racial injustices regrettably persist. These injustices have created underlying barriers for individual success—not only across the country, but also within our own community. Therefore, we proudly support our Black and Latinx colleagues, neighbors and friends, and remain committed to strategies that advance our most burdened neighbors and support efforts that strengthen our community for future generations.

As always, we are sensitive to the needs of our community. With the input and support of community volunteers, leaders and experts, we have focused our efforts to create lasting change across San Antonio and Bexar County.

Now, more than ever, is the time to do our part to ensure our words are translated into meaningful action. Here's what we are doing to help today.

- + We're focused on reducing disparities by race and gender, specifically women of color.**
- + We're increasing the economic stability of individuals and families through continued education and workforce training.**
- + We're focused on the development of our youth, ensuring they are proficient in math and reading.**
- + We're supporting our disconnected youth, reconnecting them to school, work and mental wellness resources.**
- + We're increasing the resources for at-risk mothers of all ages, including prenatal care and quality early childcare services.**
- + We're providing necessary resources and support for individuals and families when life circumstances or natural disasters occur.**
- + We know our work is not over and community change does not happen overnight, but we are committed to our community, our neighbors and our partners.**

We will use our past to better our future by listening with purpose and serving with action. We invite you to join us by raising your hand and your voice to uplift San Antonio and ensure everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Get involved!

Together, we will unite our community and identify and solve our most critical issues. Together, we will **LIVE UNITED**.