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United Way of Blair County

United Way of Blair County Providing COVID-19 Emergency Relief Assistance

United Way of Blair County is focused on meeting critical needs in our community. This is especially true now during these uncertain times. Many of our community members are experiencing income loss and being faced with unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

United Way of Blair County is now offering assistance to individual and families who are experiencing income loss as a direct result of COVID-19. Assistance will be provided in the form of vouchers to participating grocery stores to purchase basic needs such as food, toilet paper, baby formula, diapers, etc. Non-essential items such as cigarettes/nicotine products, alcohol, or gift cards may not be purchased with the vouchers.

To qualify, individuals must have been actively employed at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic and are now experiencing income loss as a direct result of the shutdown. Applications are being accepted effective immediately. Assistance will be provided to qualifying individuals and families as long as Relief Funds are available. To apply for assistance, individuals should visit the United Way of Blair County website at https://www.unitedwayofblaircounty.org/covid-19-emergency-relief-fund-0. If individuals do not have access to the internet, they can call 814-317-5108 to have an application completed over the phone. Once the application is completed, the applicant will receive correspondence to notify them of their approval status. Vouchers will be distributed once weekly on Fridays, beginning April 3, 2020.

Donations to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund are also still being accepted. Donations can be made on Facebook at facebook.com/UnitedWayBlairCounty, on our website at unitedwayofblaircounty.org, or by sending a check to our office at 208 Hollidaysburg Plaza, Duncansville, PA 16635. If sending a check, please indicate COVID-19 Relief Fund in the memo line.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Melanie Shildt at the United Way office via e-mail at mshildt@unitedwayofblaircounty.org.

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