

When you support United Way, you are **LIVING UNITED**.

And when we all **LIVE UNITED**, lives change.

Thanks to your help, here's how United Way agencies make an impact in our community.

# THINK WE BEFORE ME



## SARAH FOUND HER VOICE.

As a toddler, Sarah could not speak at all. Her parents found the special help she needed at the Preschool Language Program at USM, now known as the Children's Center for Communication and Development. Thanks to this United Way agency, Sarah learned to speak and became a happy, contributing member of our community.

## AMANDA GOT A HAND UP, NOT A HANDOUT.

Amanda was living a troubled lifestyle with no stability when she entered the Bootstrap program at The Salvation Army. Through this program, Amanda turned her life around and now credits this United Way agency for getting her life back on track.



## FRED HAS CHOSEN A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Fred has been involved in the Scoutreach program of the Boy Scouts since he was eight years old. This United Way funded program provided Fred positive opportunities and helped him earn a scholarship to college. This Eagle Scout now gives back by volunteering with youth in our community.



## CAROLINE RECEIVED EMOTIONAL SUPPORT WHEN SHE NEEDED IT MOST.

When Caroline lost her son in a tragic homicide, she felt her life had ended, too. She received the support she needed through the help of the Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention and its support groups. This agency provides members of the community the hope they need to carry on with their lives after suffering tragedy.

# THINK WE BEFORE ME

When you contribute to United Way, you are thinking **WE** before **ME**. You are reaching out a hand to **ONE** and influencing the condition of **ALL**. You are **LIVING UNITED**.

Your gift to United Way of Southeast Mississippi helps to fund our **21 LOCAL PARTNER AGENCIES** right here in Forrest, Lamar and Perry counties. Through these agencies and other United Way programs, your donation is improving lives all day, every day, all year long. Need proof? Just ask Sarah, Fred, Caroline or Amanda.

**THINK WE BEFORE ME** and support United Way of Southeast Mississippi. **LIVE UNITED**.

*The mission of United Way of Southeast Mississippi is to improve lives by leading and mobilizing the caring power of Southeast Mississippi.*



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# LIVE UNITED





## Your United Way of Southeast Mississippi investment supports:

### **Aldersgate Mission • (601) 544-8141**

Enhances academic, social and spiritual development of the youth of the Briarfield community in order for them to become independent and productive young men and women of the world. Children explore areas such as the arts, sports and writing. Other programs include after-school tutoring, mentoring, field trips, conflict management and community service projects.

### **American Red Cross • (601) 582-8151**

Provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Places emphasis on disaster relief and community disaster education; health and safety services; emergency services to the Armed Forces; community programs such as utility assistance for the elderly or disabled; and collaboration with long-term recovery committees.

### **ARC • (601) 583-4251**

#### **(Association for Rights of Citizens with Developmental Challenges)**

Provides information and referral to broaden community knowledge, acceptance and interaction with people with mental disabilities. ARC provides services to this population and their families through such programs as after-school child care, Men's Respite, Ladies' Respite, Weekend at the ARC (respite for children and clients that require the services of a nurse), Friends Night at the ARC, Summer Adventures, Mother's Day Out and adult activities, such as dances. ARC also participates in a special buddy program developed to provide "buddies" for children with disabilities.

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi • (601) 545-1602**

Seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of children – youth primarily – through a professionally supported one-to-one relationship with a caring adult and to assist them in achieving their highest potential as they grow up to become confident, competent, caring individuals by providing committed volunteers, national leadership and standard of excellence. Big Brothers Big Sisters offers two mentoring programs for volunteers: the community-based program and the school-based program.

### **Boy Scouts (Pine Burr Area Council) • (601) 582-2326**

Provides service for 17 counties in Southeast/South Mississippi. Offers a year-round program that places emphasis on character development, citizenship and moral and ethical training through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture and Scoutreach programs.

### **The Carpenter's Helper • (601) 582-3330**

Corrects deficient housing conditions, which affect the health, safety and/or quality of life of persons who lack the resources or physical or mental abilities to correct the problems themselves. This includes widows, widowers, disabled or disadvantaged.

### **Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse • (601) 545-6680**

Provides such programs as Parent Aide program, Teen Parent program, Child Victim/Witness Orientation (Court School), Community Awareness and referrals.

### **The Children's Center for Communication and Development (601) 266-5222**

Provides speech and language therapy, special education, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, behavior management and parent education for infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities. Also offers outreach and technical assistance to public school early intervention programs. A resource loan library is maintained for families of children with disabilities who require adaptive toys, specialized equipment and educational information.

### **Christian Services, Inc. • (601) 582-5683**

Provides a hot noonday meal five days each week and operates a Meals on Wheels program. Operates a residential recovery program for adult men. Provides emergency help with rent, food, utilities, medicine, etc. Distributes high-quality, low-cost nutritional food boxes on a monthly basis. Shares large quantities of frozen and dry food with other area ministries/agencies. Holds special community holiday dinners, weekly programs and special events for children. Thrift store offers low-cost clothing, furniture, etc.

### **Domestic Abuse Family Shelter • 1-800-649-1092**

Provides services for victims of domestic violence at no charge, including a 24-hour crisis line and a 24-hour shelter providing safe housing for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Shelter services include childcare, counseling, transportation, aftercare case management and referrals. Provides non-residential counseling, victim advocacy, information and referrals to victims from the community. Education and prevention of domestic violence are provided through educational programs and trainings to schools, agencies and the community; and domestic violence intervention classes are offered for abusers.

### **D.R.E.A.M. of Hattiesburg • (601) 545-2102**

#### **(Drug-free Resources for Education and Alternatives in Mississippi)**

DREAM's mission is to prevent/reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. DREAM is a Certified Prevention Program (through the Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse). Provides information, alternative activities, life skills development, resources and training; encourages community collaboration to promote healthy choices.

### **DuBard School for Language Disorders • (601) 266-5223**

Provides an 11-month program that offers intensive instruction for preschool and school-age children with severe language/speech disorders and/or hearing impairments. Also provides outpatient therapy and outpatient evaluations.

### **The Family Y • (601) 583-4000**

Mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Provides a positive environment and variety of experiences that allow individuals the opportunities to grow. Provides programs and services for children, teens, adults, families and active adults, with a special emphasis on fitness. Provides recreational and social programs at no charge for those with special needs and mental disabilities. Programs are structured around the core values of caring, honesty, respect, faith and responsibility. The Y will never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay.

### **Girl Scouts (Gulf Pines Council) • (601) 582-1455**

Provides a contemporary, year-round program that is fun and responsive to the needs of all girls between ages 5-17, enabling them to reach their full potential and empowering them to take leadership roles in a changing global society. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

### **Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity • (601) 582-4663**

Helps low-income families in need build affordable, simple and decent housing through a partnership among families, volunteers and a coalition of individuals, businesses, churches and others with the necessary resources to accomplish its mission.

### **L.I.F.E. of Mississippi • (601) 583-2108**

#### **(Living Independence For Everyone)**

Serves individuals with disabilities of any age and any type of disability. Empowers individuals with disabilities to be as fully involved in their communities as they can and want to be and to continue living independently in their own homes. Services provided are peer support, skills training, advocacy and information and referral. Provides purchased services, such as home modifications or durable medical equipment and supplies.

### **Pinebelt Association for Families • (601) 582-0909**

Provides services to grandparents (and other relatives) raising grandchildren. Services include: support groups, information and referral, health insurance and benefits counseling, in-home services, respite, tutoring for grandchildren, school interventions, behavior management programs, educational forums, intergenerational physical fitness programs and a psycho-educational summer program for grandchildren ages 6-13. Special services are available to grandparents over 60 years old. Also offers Faith in Action Helping Hands program and McGruff Citizenship and Literacy program.

### **R<sup>3</sup>SM • (601) 544-5115**

#### **(Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi)**

Coordinates recovery services designed to alleviate suffering and stress for individuals and families in our community whose homes are damaged by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, fire, or other catastrophic events. The primary focus is to support efforts to repair and rebuild homes and lives beginning with the most vulnerable first, which include the elderly, disabled and single parents with minor-aged children.

### **The Salvation Army • (601) 544-3684**

Provides crisis intervention and direct services to area residents in need. Temporary assistance given for housing, food, clothing, rent, utilities, medicine, eyeglasses, transportation and counseling emergencies. Provides summer camping programs for adults, assistance during times of disaster, school supplies for needy children, seasonal assistance and senior adult centers. Provides character building programs for youth through Corps Youth activities, summer camps for youth and The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club programs. These include a variety of activities for children ages 6-18 provided through the following core areas: Education and Career Development; Health/Life Skills; The Arts; Sports/Fitness & Recreation; Citizenship/Leadership Development; Cultural/Social Enrichment and Spiritual Growth. The School for Performing Arts provides classes in visual art, dance, voice, drama and chimes.

### **Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention Regionally toll-free 1-601-264-7777**

Provides support, counseling, referral and information to victims of all types of sexual assault and survivors of homicide and suicide victims. Provides a 24-hour Crisis Line for direct toll-free service. Offers escort services to accompany a victim to the hospital, police department and/or court proceedings. Educates the community on issues related to homicide, the sexual abuse of children and adults, personal safety and rape prevention.

### **South Mississippi Children's Center • 1-800-635-9056**

Provides a safe, homelike refuge for youth ages 9-17 who are abused, neglected, runaway and/or homeless. Serves as the community sponsor for Project Safe Place. Provides 24-hour admissions and crisis line for runaway, homeless or in-crisis youth.