

# United Way SEMS COVID-19 Relief Results and Impact

**March 11, 2020**

The first COVID-19 case is diagnosed in Forrest Co.

**March 18, 2020**

COVID relief planning team meets

**March 19, 2020**

The COVID-19 Crisis Fund begins receiving donations

**May 12, 2020**

The COVID Relief Program is launched

**Why the gap?**

Emergency resources were available and bill moratoriums kept households stabilized. We stepped in when those resources began to run out.

**\$61,693.88**

in donations to the United Way SEMS COVID-19 Crisis Fund

\$26,045.50: United World Wide and partner corporations

\$30,200: Local businesses

\$4,089.88: Individuals

\$1,358.50: T-shirt fundraiser

**Partnerships were formed.**

United Way partnered with Christian Services to implement the COVID-19 Relief program – a rent and utility assistance program for those who lost work due to the pandemic.

**\$48,995.24**

distributed to 153 households in Forrest, Lamar, Marion, and Perry counties.

**471**  
individuals served

**157**  
utility payments

**22**  
rent payments

**July 6, 2020**

The Mississippi Association of United Ways launch a statewide COVID Impact Survey to better understand the needs of community members in the state.

**\$10,000.00**

awarded in grants to area nonprofits providing resources to families related to COVID-19

**In our four counties...**

- 75% of respondents indicated that assistance paying rent or utility bills would make an important difference in their household's finances
- 56% of respondents only had enough savings to last one month or less prior to the start of the pandemic
- Nearly half of respondents lost hours or employment due to COVID-19



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