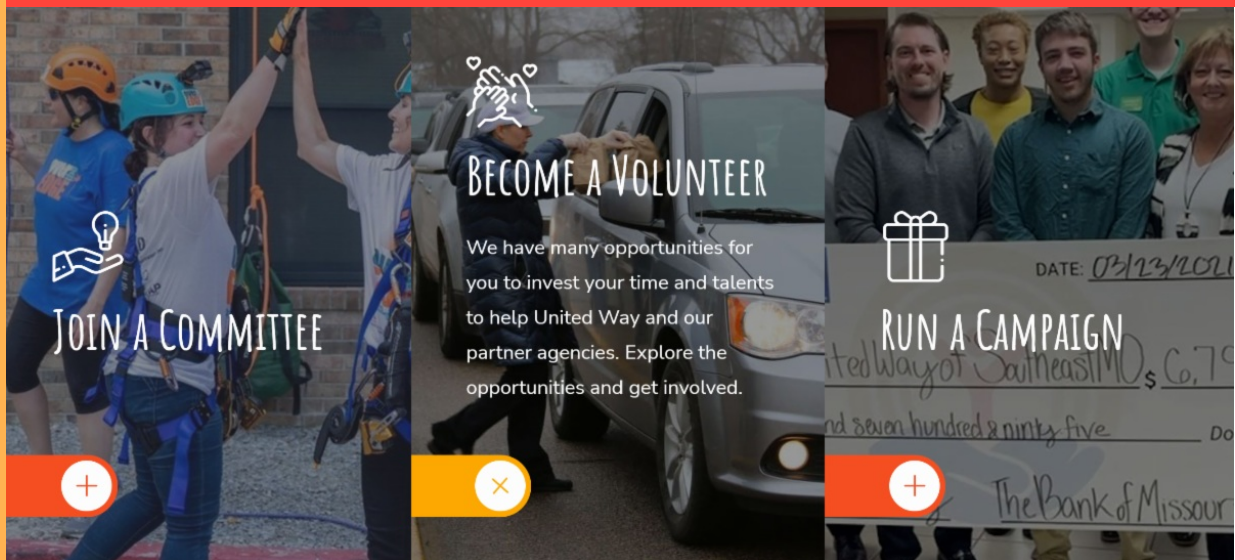


United Way of Southeast Missouri September 2021 Newsletter



Check Out Our Makeover!

It's possible the next time you visit unitedwayofsemo.org you won't recognize us, because we are proudly boasting a new and improved website!

Like any parent with a new baby, there are some features we especially like to brag about. One is our new page devoted to [volunteer opportunities](#), where you can customize your search by passion and time required, and our Funded Partners can upload their volunteer opportunities.

We also love how simple and easy it is to find [free community events](#), resources provided by the [UWSEMO network](#), workplace engagement opportunities and more.

United Way of Southeast Missouri is extremely grateful for the help of Austin Bollinger, owner of B&B Media, in creating the new website you see today. We look forward to offering more opportunities for you to engage with our network with the new features we have added!

UWSEMO also gives a huge shout-out to Community Relations Manager, Raechel Reinitz, who devoted countless hours to creating our beautiful new website. You did it, Raechel, thank you!! Reach [Raechel's blog post](#) highlighting more fabulous features on our new baby.

Please Participate in a Community Conversation!

Early next year, United Way of Southeast Missouri will open our grant application for funding. Any nonprofit within our footprint that supports our commitment to education, income stability, and health is encouraged to apply. Before we start this process, however, [we need to hear from](#)

our community!

"Community Conversations" are being scheduled in each county we serve for early November. We need the residents of each community to help us identify pressing needs and possible interventions. These events are similar to focus groups and open to everyone.



Community Conversations will be held at the following dates and locations:

Scott County: November 2, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. – Scott City Area Chamber of Commerce, 1508 Main St., Scott City, MO 63780

Perry County: November 4, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. – Perryville Knights of Columbus; 31 S Church St., Perryville, MO 63775

Cape Girardeau County: November 9, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. – One City, 610 Independence St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 *(An additional Community Conversation may be held in Jackson.)*

Bollinger County: November 16, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. – Bollinger County Library; 207 Mayfield Dr., Marble Hill, MO 63764

The insight gathered from each community will guide our Community Investment Committee and Board of Directors as these volunteers evaluate grant applications and determine our next group of funded partners in 2022.

There are many ways to help us with this process, including reviewing grant applications online from the comfort of your couch. Be sure to look for more engagement opportunities in the months ahead.

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Get on the Bus - Partner Tour



In September, we had the amazing opportunity to [“Get on the Bus”](#) with local community leaders and demonstrate how United Way of Southeast Missouri invests

in the workforce at all stages.

Presenters from SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence (SADI), First Call For Help, APPLE Project, The Salvation Army Cape Girardeau, One City, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, and Voices for Children / CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc. spoke briefly about their UWSEMO funded programs that support our workforce. Though we wish we could have visited more of our partners, these advocates for our community truly illustrated what it means to #LiveUnited in Southeast Missouri.

We want to extend a special THANK YOU to Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority for donating the bus and to all those who joined us on this tour!

Do you want to "Get on the Bus" with UWSEMO? We are eager to schedule a tour for your workplace or civic club. [Contact us today!](#)

34th Annual United Way Golf Tournament

Friday, October 15, 2021
Cape Girardeau Country Club
Lunch at 11:00; Noon start

Sponsorships are due Friday, October 1st.
Team registration deadline is Friday, October 8th.



We need prizes to give to our winners and add to our raffle. (Gift cards, gift baskets, promotional items, wine and spirits, etc.) If you are able to help us, please contact Community Relations Manager, Raechel Reinitz: Raechel.Reinitz@unitedwayofsemo.org

**Team Registration
Form**

See Sponsorship Opportunities

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Every year, more than 10 million people experience domestic violence from an intimate partner in the U.S. alone.

- 26% of women and 15% of men who were victims of contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime first experienced these or other forms of violence by



that partner before age 18.

- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year
- 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

United Way Southeast Missouri fights to break the cycle of domestic violence in Southeast Missouri. We invest in programs at Safe House of Southeast Missouri that provide emergency assistance for victims, as well as education for teens and young adults about what safe and healthy relationships should look like and how to remove themselves from unhealthy relationships. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Call the Safe House of SEMO 24 HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-341-1830.

What Have You Told Your Loved Ones?

If you give to United Way, you care about this organization and this community. Perhaps, you have been giving for many years. **Do your family members and financial advisers know?**

If you give through your workplace, those who know you best may be unaware of your commitment to this organization. Now is the time to tell them how you want to be remembered.



Please inform your family that you want gifts to UWSEMO to continue in your absence.

EPIC Volunteer Opportunity



EPIC needs volunteers for their December 31st EPIC Glow 5k. Volunteers are needed to help stand along the trail and cheer our runners on, to help with onsite registration, and to help Missouri Road Runners with race timing. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or learning more about the opportunity, contact Shelly at pals@epicprevention.org or [573-837-9352](tel:573-837-9352).

For more volunteer opportunities, [visit our new website!](#)

Thank You and Welcome to our **NEW 2021-2022 Corporate Investors!**

Because of your investment in UWSEMO, we are able to give 98% of an individual's donation directly to the programs we support!

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Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like updates on immediate volunteer opportunities as we learn of them, [email Ciera.](#)







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Jackson Senior Center
Little Whitewater Baptist Church Food Pantry
Scott City Ministerial Alliance
Student Emergency Funds at regional public schools**

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