Boone County continues to rise during COVID-19

Community Foundation of Boone County

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ECONOMIC & BUSINESS SUPPORT

Boone County Economic Development Corporation provides loans to small businesses through the Small Business Relief Fund. Their website has important information, including business resources & job opportunities. They link businesses with areas of need & keep tabs on unemployment.

Boone County Chamber of Commerce works with organizations to develop e-services & capabilities. They offer free webinars to the public & connect businesses wanting to give back with organizations in need.

Zionsville Chamber of Commerce updates lists of open restaurants & businesses. They established new campaigns to boost & drive traffic to local businesses, & are providing webinars to members.

MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS

Sylvia’s Child Advocacy Center (CAC) typically serves 30-40 children/month. Current low numbers concern staff that abuse isn’t being reported. They coordinated distribution of safety cards with mental health organizational contact information through school lunch pick-up services & food service programs, & moved to remote processes to continue services.

Prevent Child Abuse Boone County continues to raise awareness of child abuse & ensures current foster children have what they need for eLearning. They’re obtaining yard signs with the DCS hotline # to help people know where to call if they suspect abuse/neglect.

The Cabin Counseling & Resource Center has an increase in clients who need funding assistance & a decrease in the frequency of sessions. They create & send videos each week to keep clients engaged & now offer walks with clients as an alternative therapy option.

Mental Health America Boone County has the assistance hotline for people to report potential abuse. They continue to see an increase in domestic violence calls, due to shut ins & seclusion. They distributed 3,000 weekend meals & continue to offer childcare for essential workers. They also offer virtual support groups & webinars on various topics.

InWell Integrative Wellness has an increase in needs different than before COVID-19. They offer telehealth & in-person services, with 1,000 scheduled appointments/week. They connect with local schools to continue contact with youth. They’re on call 24/7 to Witham, to connect clients to resources.

Aspire Indiana moved to virtual services & is adding new clients. Aspire provided phones to people in need to continue with services, & the 24-hour crisis line is still available. Their employment program is open & helps Boone County residents secure jobs. They have new programs: Connections Line, myStrength, Open Rooms, & Psychological First Aid.

Cummins Behavioral Health Systems is working through telehealth & has a 72% client engagement rate. Their crisis line is available 24/7 & they offer virtual groups, including a youth support group & a parent support group.

Ben’s Ranch connects youth with animals. They rolled back internships, & are using this opportunity to network & look for creative ways to engage youth with animals in the future.

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**Freedom Church** focuses on aligning people in need with services that are offered by those doing it well. Their food pantry is the 1st Saturday/month & they passed out 2,000 pounds of food in 4 hours. They continue to create virtual safe spaces for people, plus remote services for addiction & other counseling services.

**Old Union Christian Church** consults with other churches to reinitiate in-person services. Their We All Matter (WAM) youth program in Advance remains closed, & they’re ready to support the program once it is allowed to open back up.

**Traders Point Christian Church** launched new short-term online groups, so people can do life together & participate from wherever. They collaborate with other churches, working to meet the needs of local communities.

**Witham Family YMCA** provides child care for essential workers & 100+ free virtual class programs via their Facebook page, have a chaplain doing devotions, & check in on 900+ of their members to connect those in need with available community resources.

**Boone County Senior Services, Inc.** is seeing an increase in transit calls, as people are starting to get out. They continue to offer in-home services for vulnerable clients, & offer grocery/medication pick up & delivery for people using BCSSI services & continue to check-in with their clients. They continue to make 150-200 outbound calls to check in on adults over age of 60, to connect with them virtually. They partnered with Boys & Girls Club of Boone County & Bill Estes Lebanon to deliver meals to 50 in-home clients.

**Boone County 4-H** typically serves 1,200 youth & 200+ volunteers each year. Their 300+ normal activities are cancelled & they continue to work on the county fair this year. The Extension Homemakers group creates masks & they’re developing community gardens to help with food access.

**Purdue Extension Boone County** transitioned in-person services to online & is exploring ways to engage residents virtually. They’re working with Purdue University to provide information to farmers & the ag industry. They want to ensure farmers are socially distanced but not socially isolated.

**Boone County Mentoring Partnership** works to keep their 100 mentor/mentee matches engaged. They’re concerned with the lack of socialization for youth. They’re using video conferencing, virtual projects, online mentor training, & an online mentor discussion group. They want to reassure kids that people are here for them & keep the youth engaged & active.

**Zionsville Rotary Club** gave $1,500 to The Caring Center & $1,500 to the Boys & Girls Club of Boone County, to support their programming.

**Lebanon Kiwanis** jumped in from the beginning by supporting The Caring Center & Boys and Girls Club of Boone County with donations. Their members are doing their part both as a club & individually.

**Lebanon Rotary** delivered 45 dozen cookies & donated $395 to Shalom House, as well as over $3,600 to Boys & Girls Club of Boone County.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**Sugar Creek Art Center** is working on how to have open events to showcase cancelled shows & activities. They’re working to keep artists & volunteers safe & healthy, when the center reopens.

**SullivanMunce Cultural Center** is still offering online genealogy services & online historical collections. Their 3rd grade history program has moved online with online video tours & online games. They’re able to help with art packets for organizations in need.
The UNMET NEED
in addition to monetary donations needed by all nonprofits

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BOONE Cnty.
Food donations:
- Indiv. Applesauce & Fruit Cups
- Canned Corn & Green Beans
- Indiv. Bags of Chips
- Apples & Oranges
- Volunteers for meals

THE ARC OF GREATER BOONE Cnty.
Books
- Masks: Surgical or Disposable
  (for WIC clients going to the office)
- Care Package Items
- Adult Coloring & Puzzle Books
- Coloring Pencils
- Nail Polish
- Seasonal Crafts

THE CARING CENTER
Rent & Utility Assistance
Food donations:
- Jelly
- Bread
- Instant Potatoes
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Apple Juice & Applesauce

SHALOM HOUSE
Food donations:
- Soup
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta

BOONE Cnty. HEALTH DEPT.
Latex-Free Gloves
LOVE INC.
- Gas Cards
- Food & Utility Assistance
- Volunteers to pack meals

WAYS YOU CAN HELP
to ensure these programs sustain through COVID-19

BOONE COUNTY 4-H
Share programs with youth.

BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.
- Latex-free gloves for Boone County long term care facilities.

BOONE COUNTY MENTORING PARTNERSHIP
- Reassure & encourage youth.

BOONE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES, INC.
- Spread the word of services.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BOONE COUNTY
- Volunteers to assemble meals.
- Food & monetary donations

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOONE Cnty.
- Shop at ReStore: reopens mid-May.
- Volunteer for the two 2020 builds.

LOVE INC.
- Food & monetary donations.

PURDUE EXTENSION BOONE Cnty.
- Help connect farmers.
- Share info on loans & mental health.

SHALOM HOUSE
- Food & monetary donations.

SYLVIA’S CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
- “If you see something, say something.”
- Monetary donations.

THE ARC OF GREATER BOONE Cnty.
- Books & Care Package Items
- Mask donations.

THE CARING CENTER
- Food & monetary donations.

WEBO FFA:
- MILK & MEAT Processing plants to source meat.
- Storage capacity at food pantries.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE BOONE Cnty.
- If you suspect child abuse, call 1-800-800-5556

ALL MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS
Help raise awareness. Check in on others. Report possible abuse.

EMERGENCY
- 911 1-800-273-8255

DEPRESSION
- Text: HELPNOW TO 20121
- 1-800-800-5556

Mental Health America
- 1-888-714-1927 x 1501

DATING ABUSE/RAPE/DV:
- 765-482 3020 ext 100

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES:
- 765-482-3020

SUICIDE HOTLINE
- CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT: 1-800-800-5556

CUMMINS/BOONE Cnty
- INWELL/BOONE Cnty: 765-680-0071

ASPIRE/BOONE Cnty: 765-482-7100

WHAT TO DO
to join in and help

GIVE FINANCIALLY.
Donate online to nonprofits.
Mail them a check.
Can’t find a website? Visit our homepage for a listing of their websites.

DONATE GOODS FROM THE NONPROFITS NEEDS LIST.
Located above.
Contact nonprofits & ask them what they need.

SHARE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS.
Something we can all do!
Share posts from nonprofits to spread the word on services available!

Want to help but still not sure how?
Consider the Community Foundation of Boone County COVID-19 Response Fund. 100% of donations support Boone County nonprofits.
Go to communityfoundationbc.org to learn more and give now.