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In the United Way Tri-Cities Area Division alone, **seven agencies have received \$155,000** through Phases 1 and 2 of COVID-19 Response Funding.

Here's how United Way's support is **empowering nonprofits in Granite City, Pontoon Beach, Madison, Mitchell and Venice** to help local people rebuild and recover:

- With additional funding from United Way, Community Care Center in Granite City was able to transition its soup kitchen to carryout style, serving more than 765 people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, CCC staff are delivering food baskets to local low-income families. United Way funding helps offset the costs of food, transportation and drivers for delivery services.
- Senior Services Plus has expanded its Meals on Wheels program to serve more than 900 seniors in Southwestern Illinois every day. Participants receive five frozen meals each week on top of additional care packages with fresh produce and shelf-stable staples to help fill the gaps. With 15 to 20 new seniors enrolled each week, our funding helps cover the rising costs of vehicle maintenance, fuel, and more food.
- By providing rent, utility and mortgage assistance and working with landlords to prevent evictions, Madison County Urban League has utilized additional support from United Way to help more than 50 families in our area stay safe and secure in their homes. Many of these households have multiple generations living under one roof with individuals at high risk for exposure, and many have never had to call for help before.

These are just three examples of how we are helping in our community right now and how we will continue to show up as the need continues.

As the Chairperson for the Six Mile Regional Library System Campaign, I am asking for your support to build a strong foundation for United Way's annual campaign. Although we are grateful for any and all support, we hope you will consider making a gift this year to help even more throughout our community.

Since I will not be back to work for another two weeks, please submit your **pledge cards to Stacy Bond no later than the end of the day Wednesday, October 14**. If you choose not to make a contribution, still submit your pledge card and write "decline" across it, so I know you have made a decision.

Thanks in advance for your consideration for this extremely worthwhile cause.

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