

City of San Antonio and Bexar County COVID19 Response
Philanthropy Working Group (5.7.2020)

CALL TO ACTION

“Get Shift Done”

- 1st shift started on Monday, 5.4.2020, slots were filled within 25 minutes of opening
- Majority (75-80%) were from the Grand Hyatt
- Catholic Charities & SA Food Bank have sent in shifts to obtain workers, waiting on Haven for Hope’s list of shifts
- Challenge:
 - Have shifts but lacking workers
 - Getting workers to sign up on the app
 - Have gotten resistance from restaurants to get the word out to their workers (possibly worried about leaking staff information)
- Chris Martin to check with Visit SA and Culinaria for help
- Chris Martin/UW scheduling a call with Jenna & Adrienne this week/next week to talk about Workforce Solutions Alamo on what they may be able to do there and if they can incorporate a training aspect to the program they might be able to leverage State dollars to support the program.
- Suggestion that the Mayor mention “Get Shift Done” in his nightly update

Institutionalized Giving - Broad-based, low dollar fund raising structure

- Discussed that a plan should be in place for any future needs
- Will need to get the Mayor and Judge Wolff involved to get this implemented once details are completed
- Possible ideas were:
 - On various bills (i.e. utilities, telephone, gas, etc.) give the consumer the option to round up
 - An on-screen selection as you check out at H-E-B, Valero, etc.
 - H-E-B tear off campaign
- Philanthropy WG forming a sub-committee comprised of Barbara Gentry, Blakely Fernandez, Mary Rose Brown, Laura Vaccaro, and Chris Martin to discuss further

H-E-B Tear off Campaign with United Way/SA Food Bank/Meals on Wheels

- Started last month and will run through June 2020
- First distribution will go out next week to United Way/SA Food Bank/Meals on Wheels

Healthcare Workers Recognition

- Discussed the need to recognize our healthcare workers as other City and States have already done
- Mary Rose to contact Richard Perez and ask him to spearhead this effort to get all other Chambers involved

Change in Philanthropy WG

- Harvey Najim resigned as Co-Chair of the Philanthropy WG for personal reasons effective Friday, May 8, 2020
 - Harvey offered to be there as a resource if the WG needed
- Barbara Gentry, Co-Chair, selected Blakely Fernandez as new Co-Chair for the Philanthropy WG

UPDATES

Big Give Relief Fund

- \$ 860,000 raised from 3,183 donors for 316 organizations

San Antonio Area Foundation and United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund

- The Fund has raised \$6.3M to-date and has distributed \$5M to 154 nonprofits
- The Fund has \$1.3M left but would like to continue to grow the Fund
- Discussed the possibility of moving from triage to recovery mode
- Discussed the possibility of individuals receiving Stimulus checks that would like to donate them to the COVID-19 Fund. Mary Rose to discuss further with Marjie French

UW Childcare for Essential Workers:

- Raised approx. \$400,000 for this program
- To date, have processed 353 children through the Fund

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- Currently processing 28 families with 43 children and an additional 125 families with 245 children
- Have served 45 families with 65 children which have exhausted their allowed 3 weeks of childcare. Some of the families served have multiple children.
- 138 applicants were removed from process for various reasons (i.e. did not provide paystubs to verify employment, childcare facility not providing payment information, etc.)
- \$20,000 has been paid out so far (childcare facilities not invoicing in a timely manner)

Giving Tuesday (A Global Day of Giving) was May 5 (<https://www.givingtuesday.org/>)

- The WG saw very few emails from organizations on this day promoting the giving

Spurs Give Together Fund

- The Fund has raised \$633,000
- We were informed that a Press Release was sent out and they are forming a committee

DISCUSSIONS

Business & Employment – Emergency Housing Assistance was discussed. Possibly could see more dollars coming from Federal & State government. On hold for now. When time is right, WG would like someone, possibly Lori Houston, to brief them on the current need.

Essential Nonprofits

- Discussed a broad listing of categories of services nonprofits perform to determine which should be considered “essential”
- Harvey to email the Mayor, Judge Wolff, and Gordon a white paper on which ones should be considered “essential” and the reasons why. He will take in consideration the United Way 211 operation which are receiving 3,000 calls per day.

IN PROGRESS

Philanthropic website

- Chris Martin will check if it is completed and ready
- Suggestion for the Mayor to promote during nightly update

Long-term state of local nonprofits – Discussion continues regarding the health of the nonprofits post-Covid-19

REFERRALS TO:

FOOD SECURITY & SHELTER

No referrals this week

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

No referrals this week

SOCIAL SERVICES

No referrals this week

Jeff Coyle and Bruce Davidson (Mayor’s Office)

No referrals this week