UNITED WAY Southeast Missouri

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We are Connectors!

Join us for a fast-paced introduction to the 20 partners and programs in our 2025 network. Have fun while hearing moving stories about need in our community and the many ways you can make a difference!

Date: September 9
Time: 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Location: 16 N. Spanish St. Cape Girardeau (Get Directions)

RSVP by Spetember 4th and get a FREE PRIZE at the event!*

RSVP TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

*Must be present at the event to claim.

AmeriCorps United for Childcare

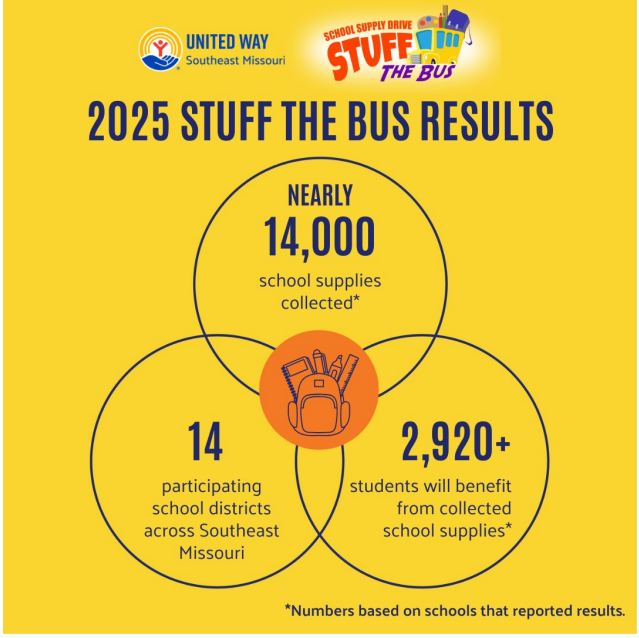
We are thrilled to announce we are recipients of a 2025-26 AmeriCorps Operating Grant to help launch United for Childcare in our Childcare Resource Center, opening this fall.

Last year we were able to bring on Matt Ellison who researched childcare needs and solutions with an AmeriCorps Planning Grant. After presenting a solid plan for supporting working families, childcare providers, and employers, we received an AmeriCorps Operating Grant to open the facility in October.

Note, this is NOT a childcare center. It is a resource center to support childcare providers and connect working families and employers with childcare options and other community resources.

Watch for news of our grand opening and ribbon cutting coming soon!

Stuff the Bus Results



Thanks to your generosity, Stuff the Bus 2025 was a huge success! With support from donors, volunteers, and community partners, we collected nearly 14,000 school supplies for 14 participating school districts across Southeast Missouri.

Because of you, more than 2,960 students will head back to school equipped and ready to learn. That's nearly 3,000 children starting the year with confidence, dignity, and the tools they need to thrive in the classroom.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped fill the bus—your support makes a direct impact on local students and families. Together, we are building brighter futures across our region.

Thank you, DHL employees, for collecting school supplies!

Mr. Thomas from Oak Ridge High School sent the requested feedback from Stuff the Bus participants letting us know they still needed supplies. We were happy to deliver them just in time!

Congrats, 'Fish!

If you haven't heard, **BIG**

United Way WINSdays are possible thanks to your ongoing partnership!

congratulations are in order for our community partners, Cape Catfish!

The Catfish took home the Prospect League Champions title last week, a fantastic way to wrap up an incredible season.

We are grateful to our local team for inviting us out to the field for United Way WINSdays each year. With their support, more people learn about the local programs that move Southeast Missourians from surviving to thriving.

Events & Opportunities

Is Your Business Invested in this Community?

We could not do the work we do without our donors, especially our Corporate Investors. These organizations understand that a strong economy needs a strong community, and United Way builds the foundation.

Now is the time to support UWSEMO. Not only do we invest in programs supporting all ages, we fill gaps. **If your employees struggle with transportation or childcare, invest in the organization creating solutions.** Contact Mark Stone to help.

Register Now!

Go to the greens for a great cause!

Our **38th Annual Golf Tournament** will tee off before you know it — mark your calendar for October 10th! It might feel far away, but spots go fast, and this popular event always sells out. Don't wait till it's too late to secure your team's place on the course!

Looking to boost your business while supporting the community?

Sponsorship opportunities are available from $225 to $4,000 — a perfect way to showcase your brand to a broad audience of community-minded leaders.

Join us for a day of fun, networking, and impact — we can't wait to see you there!

Welcome, 2025-2026 UWSEMO Funded Partners!

American Red Cross Southeast Missouri

Big Brothers Big Sisters Eastern Missouri

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Missouri

Cape Girardeau Adult Education & Literacy Center

CRU Co-Responder Unit Cape Girardeau Police Department

EPIC Every Person Impacts Community

First Call for Help

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O.A.K.S. Center of Jackson Older Adults Keep Serving Jackson Senior Center

JAG Jobs for America's Graduates

LFCS Growing Hope Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri

S.M.A.R.T. Senior Services

Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship

Safe House of Southeast Missouri

United for Childcare

United we Work United Way of Southeast Missouri

Read to Succeed

The Cottage Domestic Violence Shelter

The Salvation Army

Voices for Children CASA

Student Emergency Funds at regional public schools

Thank You, 2025-26 Corporate Investors!

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