UNITED WAY Southeast Missouri

October 2025 Newsletter

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Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of the United for Childcare Resource Center on Tuesday, November 19 at 3 P.M. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 16 N. Spanish St. in Cape Girardeau.

This new center will serve as a hub for childcare development, training, and support, helping parents, providers, and employers across Southeast Missouri.

We'd love for you to be part of this exciting next step in strengthening our community and economy by supporting working families. Follow us on social media for photos and updates as we open the doors to new opportunities for parents and childcare providers!

Feed Hope. Fuel Local Food Pantries.

This fall, many families across Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, Perry, and northern Scott Counties will face new challenges. With SNAP benefits ending and the federal shutdown delaying critical services, food pantries expect an increase in need just as we approach the holidays.

United Way of Southeast Missouri's Community Investment Committee has set aside funds to create a Food Pantry Fund to help fill the gap. As our #GivingTuesday campaign, we are asking for donations to help us match those funds to double the impact we can make in our community.

Every dollar you give stays local, helping seniors, disabled adults, and working families put food on the table.
Be part of the solution. Together, we can help more families move from surviving to thriving.

Donate Today

A Record-Breaking Tourney!

Our 38th Annual United Way Golf Tournament was one for the books!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, the enthusiasm of our players, and the dedication of our volunteers, we raised a record-breaking $30,825!

Your support helps United Way of Southeast Missouri invest in programs that move families from surviving to thriving. We are deeply grateful to everyone who made this year's event our most successful yet.

Visit our Facebook page to see photos from the day and celebrate this community victory with us!

View Photos

Ladies, we need your brains!

If you have great ideas for a women-only event to help women, please join us! No one will be tasked or asked for donations, just ideas!

Please email Elizabeth to RSVP!

When: November 4th, 4:30pm
Where: Our Office, 16 N. Spanish St., Cape Girardeau
Why: A meeting of like-minded ladies to brainstorm ideas
What's the catch?: There is none! We just want to pick your brain!

Your United Way Needs YOU!

United Way of Southeast Missouri is growing our team!

Through our new United for Childcare AmeriCorps program, we are seeking members with varying skills to help expand access to affordable, quality childcare across the region.

We are also accepting applications for a Marketing & Events Intern for Fall 2025.

Learn More

Partner Highlights

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United Way of Southeast Missouri proudly supports Safe House of Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau and The Cottage – Domestic Violence Shelter in Perryville.

Together, we meet urgent needs like emergency housing and medical care while also helping prevent future violence. Our donors make it possible to fund prevention education that teaches teens and young adults what healthy relationships look like and how to recognize and leave unsafe situations.

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 or The Cottage 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-877-527-4747.

With your support, we can continue building a community where everyone feels safe, supported, and free to thrive.

Have a safely frightful Halloween! □□

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