



UNITED WAY OF WEST CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI: HOW WE HELP

EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT

UWWCM, in partnership with Merit Health River Region, provides a free book and parenting resource manual to the families of approximately **600 newborns each year**.

LITERACY

We partner with and coordinate variety of programs that support literacy:

- We provide **every third grade student** in Warren County with **four free books** each year.
- We distribute **over 3,000 books** to children at various events throughout the community annually.
- We facilitated **the Post-COVID Educational Enhancement Program**, a literacy intervention program that helped students gain **an average of 2 years and 7 months of reading skills over the 2021-2022 school year**.

HEALTH

COMMUNITY-WIDE BABY SHOWER

In 2019, **52 parents** attended the Community Wide Baby Shower, with **98% enrolling in a parenting class** and/or connecting with an OBGYN or pediatrician for the first time.

DIAPER DRIVE

We distribute **more than 25,000 diapers** and other baby supplies to local parents in need.

FOOD INSECURITY

UWWCM and our partners assisted and distributed the following:

- **28,300 hot meals** to families and elderly and disabled individuals
- **264,000 pounds** of sweet potatoes
- **14,060 pounds** of chicken tenders
- **1,700 USDA fresh food boxes** containing enough to feed a family of 4 for a week.



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FINANCIAL STABILITY

AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

Through funding, UWWCM is able to assist in the costs of after-school childcare to support working parents.

JOB SKILL TRAINING

By providing resources to our partners and providing intern opportunities, United Way supports training for individuals to become more marketable and better equipped for the job market.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

Through the Emergency Food and Shelter program, UWWCM provided **\$81,328 in emergency utility and housing assistance** to individuals throughout our community.

SUPPORT SERVICES

DISASTER RELIEF

UWWCM partnered with Warren County Long Term Recovery and UMCOR to raise and disperse **over \$455,395 in disaster relief funds.**

COVID-19

In response to the pandemic, we provided relief to our community by raising and dispersing **\$148,229 in COVID Relief Funds.**

Additionally, we distributed the following PPEs throughout our service area to local non-profits, churches, schools, early education centers and businesses:

- **Thousands** of masks
- **Hundreds** of disinfectant sprays
- **Hundreds** of thermometers
- **More than 100 pallets** of hand sanitizer