

S3 Agency Reports

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H3 continues to see patients Tuesday afternoon and Saturday at 11:00. Also visited Haven, OMI Women's Shelter, and next week will do the Men's Shelter. Made a house call at Piggily Wiggly bench. Dr. Hall and Cindy are walking around downtown from 12:30-2:00pm each Tuesday. We found that the merchants and police need some education about S3 and the shelters. We also met some students doing a health survey from UNC so Dr. Hall explained what we were doing. Flu shots have arrived and we are setting up a free clinic soon.

First Baptist: Cindy is helping with resumes and job search skills. Homeless people continue to call the church and are referred to 211. She delivers food to Stewart Manor, and several needy families every Wednesday. Continues to do social counselling as needed.

United Way continues to respond to the needs of our community, especially as the pandemic continues. Our annual United Way campaign is under way; needs are greater than ever before, so we encourage all who are able to contribute, either through a workplace campaign or at this secure link.

New 211 materials are arriving and will be distributed within the next few weeks (currently, we are waiting for window clings to be delivered). Once you have the new 211 materials, please discard any older ones. For brand consistency, we don't want to mix old and new cards, posters, etc.

VolunteerLee.com is getting a new look! Watch for some exciting changes the week of September 14. More information is coming soon.

United Way's Emerging Leaders Society is planning a Day of Caring on Thursday, October 29. Nonprofit organizations are invited to submit volunteer opportunities (virtual or in-person) that individuals or teams can complete on that day. Opportunities can be emailed to info@leecountyunitedway.org. Please note that in-person opportunities must comply with social distancing and other mandated safety measures. Churches are not eligible to submit opportunities but are invited to form teams of volunteers to participate in the Day of Caring. More information will be available closer to the time.

The NCWorks Career Center is currently still working remote. However, we are allowing employers to host Outside Hiring Events in our Front Parking Lot. There will be a Job Fair and Mask Give A Way on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10am-12pm at Parkdale Mills. On Thursday, Sept. 24th from 9am-12pm, ResCare Residential Services will be hosting an Outside Hiring Event at our NCWorks Career Center. Also, Tyson Foods is actively hiring for a variety of positions. If anyone has Unemployment questions, please contact DES at 888-737-0259.

Family Promise currently has one family in the program and plan on bringing in two more very soon. We are doing interviews and have a waiting list. We are good on supplies and have been getting many donations.

OMI currently has 14 women/children and 5 men in our shelters. Our planned expansion of services is progressing. We have a new Case Mgr.-Housing, new Intake/ HMIS Specialist and a BSW intern starting Monday. We are still seeking candidates for Housing Specialist and 3 Shelter Supervisor positions.

Our biggest need is some volunteer help to complete some needed shelter upgrades such as hanging 35 sets of blinds, installing receptacle/switch covers, clearing outside debris, cleaning gutters.

The Salvation Army continues to operate our food pantry and offer financial assistance to those struggling to pay rent/utility bills. Our hours of operation are Monday- Thursday (9 am- Noon and 1 pm- 4 pm). We will soon be opening up online registration for our Christmas JOY program. Any Lee County resident with children (ages 0-12) may sign up for this program. Adopted children in the program will receive new toys and clothing for Christmas. We have started our Strategic Plan process and will be working on it for the next several weeks. We currently have a need for volunteer drivers to pick up food on Mondays and Tuesdays, and volunteers are needed to help in our food pantry and with Project CATCH.

Brick Capital CDC is finishing up construction on two houses next week and are planning on starting construction on five houses next month. We have also received a grant to conduct voter engagement activities, and have events planned on September 22nd and 26th at the Civic Center and Wicker Elementary School. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with these events, and plan on having a volunteer training on September 17th. See attached flyer for more details of the events.

Lee County Partnership for Children and Families staff are all still primarily teleworking. Some NC Pre-K and Subsidy application meetings are being held in person. Home visits, group education, community outreach, childcare trainings, and meetings are continuing to be held virtually. We are still accepting applications for NC Pre-K. Private sites are mainly meeting in person, while sites through the school system are still currently operating virtually.