

United Way of Greater Cincinnati Tools for Tough Times

United Way's Response to the Economic Crisis

Over the past several months our community and nation have faced frightening new economic challenges -- Living United has become more important than ever. Layoffs, foreclosures and shrinking family budgets mean more of our neighbors, co-workers and friends are living on the edge -- some for the first time ever.

As United Way works to advance the common good for all in our community, we're responding to the current crisis and maintaining our commitment to those things we know are the essential building blocks to a good life -- a quality education that leads to a stable job, income sufficient to support a family through retirement, and good health and quality of life. Learn more at www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes-response.

Tools for Tough Times

The links below connect you to information that can help you directly or that can be shared with neighbors, co-workers and friends who may be in need.

Where To Turn Guide | Are you unemployed or facing unemployment in the near future? It's not uncommon to feel helpless, frightened and that circumstances are beyond your control. This guide provides answers to questions and basic information on resources available in our community. Print copies are available by calling 2-1-1. Note: Web site addresses in the guide are hyperlinked - just click to visit these sites. [www.uwgc.org/files/1/Tough Economic Times/Where to Turn Guide 09.pdf](http://www.uwgc.org/files/1/Tough_Economic_Times/Where_to_Turn_Guide_09.pdf)



United Way 211 | Whether looking for help meeting basic needs for food and shelter, or seeking counseling to cope with the emotional effects of these challenging times, dial 2-1-1 to connect with a trained information and referral specialist. They'll connect you with available human services that can help with these and other concerns. This is a FREE and confidential service. www.uwgc.org/findhelp

Free Tax Preparation | Free tax preparation is available to ensure hardworking families take advantage of all Earned Income and Child tax credits, leading to larger refunds and nearly immediate extra cash. 33 sites are located throughout the region. www.makeworkpay.com

Take Charge of Personal Finances | Tips to cope with today's financial uncertainties. www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes-finances

Unemployment and Other Public Benefits | What you need to know about benefits you're entitled to. www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes-benefits

Foreclosure Prevention | Your mortgage may be your most important expense. If you're having trouble paying now, contact your lender and check out these additional resources. www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes-foreclosures

Maintaining Coverage and Saving on Healthcare | Maintaining your health coverage is critical, even as personal and family budgets tighten. You should be aware of different types of health coverage or prescription savings programs. www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes-healthcare

Child Care in Tough Times | Resources to help maintain child care and create a fun learning environment for your children in stressful times. www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes-child-care

How to Help Others In Need

GIVE | Families throughout our region are in crisis. United Way gifts made during the annual campaign and beyond support a vital network of 330 programs at 157 agency partners that help during tough times and beyond. Want to do more now? Donate online anytime at www.uwgc.org/givenow.

ADVOCATE | Spread the word about these tools and others your co-workers and neighbors can use. Refer people who need help to call 2-1-1, United Way's information and referral line.

VOLUNTEER | Your and your co-workers' time, talents and energy is more essential than ever as we work together to strengthen our community. Find a volunteer opportunity online at www.uwgc.org/volunteer or give The Volunteer Connection a call at 2-1-1.

For additional resources or more information, call United Way 211 (dial 2-1-1) or visit www.uwgc.org/findhelp.

View this information online at www.uwgc.org/toolsfortoughtimes.

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