



GIVE.

"I give because a lot of people are in need. Some people do good their whole lives, and all of a sudden, they need a helping hand. United Way's agencies are there to pick you up."

*~ David Triggs
Zeon Chemicals
employee*

When you support United Way of Southeast Mississippi, you inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to **LIVE UNITED**.

Because **United** we stand.
United, we elevate.
United, we can positively change our community.



Donating to United Way of Southeast Mississippi is an easy way to invest in the future of Forrest, Lamar and Perry counties. Your gift supports 21 local partner agencies that need your help.

Thank you for doing your part to **LIVE UNITED**.

*Dr. Aubrey Lucas
USM President Emeritus*

INFLUENCE.

"I want to be a part of making the lives of children with disabilities better. I can influence the lives of these children by giving them opportunities to get out and enjoy the same events that other children enjoy."

*~ Cindy Pennington
ARC Director*



VOLUNTEER.

"Being part of the community, I think you have to not just live there. Volunteerism is worth the effort. At the end of the day, when you know that you've done something to help someone, no matter how tired or hot you are, you feel good leaving."

*~ Jimmy Miles
UPS employee,
Habitat for Humanity
volunteer*

The mission of United Way of Southeast Mississippi is to improve lives by leading and mobilizing the caring power of Southeast Mississippi.



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Your United Way of Southeast Mississippi investment supports:

Aldersgate Mission **(601) 544-8141**

Enhances academic, social and spiritual development of the youth of the Briarfield community in order for them to become independent and productive young men and women of the world. Bible study and spiritual components are a priority, and children also explore areas such as the arts, sports and writing. Other programs include after-school tutoring, mentoring, field trips, conflict management and community service projects.

American Red Cross **(601) 582-8151**

Provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Places emphasis on disaster relief and community disaster education; health and safety services; emergency services to the Armed Forces; community programs such as utility assistance for the elderly or disabled; and collaboration with long-term recovery committees.

Association for Retarded Citizens **(601) 583-4251**

Provides information and referral to broaden community knowledge, acceptance of and interaction with people with mental retardation. ARC provides services to this population and their families through such programs as after-school child care, Men's Respite, Ladies' Respite, Weekend at the ARC (respite for children and clients that require the services of a nurse), Friends Night at the ARC, Summer Adventures, Mother's Day Out and adult activities, such as dances. ARC also participates in a special buddy program developed to provide "buddies" for children with disabilities.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi **(601) 545-1602**

Seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of children – youth primarily – through a professionally supported one-to-one relationship with a caring adult and to assist them in achieving their highest potential as they grow up to become confident, competent, caring individuals by providing committed volunteers, national leadership and standard of excellence. Big Brothers Big Sisters offers two mentoring programs for volunteers: the community-based program and the school-based program.

Boy Scouts (Pine Burr Area Council) **(601) 582-2326**

Provides service for 17 counties in Southeast/South Mississippi. Offers a year-round program that places emphasis on character development, citizenship and moral and ethical training through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture. Council targets Scoutreach and Learning for Life Character Education programs as well.

The Carpenter's Helper **(601) 582-3330**

Corrects deficient housing conditions, which affect the health, safety and/or quality of life of persons who lack the resources or physical or mental abilities to correct the problems themselves. This includes widows, widowers, disabled or disadvantaged.

Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse **(601) 545-6680**

Provides such programs as Parent Aide program, Teen Parent program, Child Victim/Witness Orientation (Court School), Community Awareness and referrals.

The Children's Center for Communication and Development **(601) 266-5222**

Provides speech and language therapy, special education, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, behavior management and parent education for communicatively and developmentally delayed infants, toddlers and pre-school children. Also provides outreach and technical assistance to public school early intervention programs in program development, assessments and intervention design. Maintains a resource loan library for families of children with disabilities and early intervention providers in the region.

Christian Services, Inc. **(601) 582-5683**

Provides a hot noonday meal five days each week and operates a Meals on Wheels program. Operates a residential recovery program for adult men. Provides emergency help with rent, food, utilities, medicine, etc. Distributes high-quality, low-cost nutritional food boxes on a monthly basis. Shares large quantities of frozen and dry food with other area ministries/agencies. Holds special community holiday dinners, weekly programs and special events for children. Thrift store offers low-cost clothing, furniture, etc.

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter **1-800-649-1092**

Provides a 24-hour crisis line and 24-hour shelter (at no charge) for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Nonresidential counseling services are provided for victims and domestic violence intervention classes for abusers.

D.R.E.A.M. of Hattiesburg **(Drug-free Resources for Education and Alternatives in Mississippi)** **(601) 545-2102**

Promotes healthy lifestyles and implements programs that are effective in prevention of drug abuse (no use of illegal drugs and no illegal use of drugs that are legal). Uses a systems approach to prevention, reducing risks and enhancing resiliency. Provides information, alternatives, living skills development, family resources, training and encourages collaboration within communities. Serves as a catalyst for implementing programs effective in the prevention or reduction of the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by children and their families.

DuBard School for Language Disorders **(601) 266-5223**

Provides an 11-month program that offers intensive instruction for pre-school and school-age children with severe language/speech disorders and/or hearing impairments. Also provides outpatient therapy and outpatient evaluations.

The Family Y **(601) 583-4000**

The Family Y does not turn anyone away because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is provided for childcare, after-school and summer camps, sports programs, teens, families and active older adults. Places special emphasis on youth, active older adult and family fitness. Provides recreational and social programs, at no charge, for those with mental disabilities. The YMCA mission is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Girl Scouts (Gulf Pines Council) **(601) 582-1455**

Provides a contemporary, year-round program that is fun and responsive to the needs of all girls between ages 5-17, enabling them to reach their full potential and empowering them to take leadership roles in a changing global society. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity **(601) 582-4663**

Helps families build affordable, decent housing through a partnership between families in need and individuals, businesses, churches and others with necessary resources.

L.I.F.E. of South Mississippi **(Living Independence For Everyone)** **(601) 583-2108**

Empowers people with significant disabilities to be as independent and as fully involved in their communities as they can and want to be. Services include peer support, skills training, information and referral, advocacy and a loan closet for medical equipment. Purchases medical devices, equipment, aids and home and vehicle modifications. Has several support groups and holds a youth retreat annually.

Pinebelt Association for Families **(601) 582-0909**

Provides services to grandparents (and other relatives) raising grandchildren. Services include: support groups, information and referral, health insurance and benefits counseling, in-home services, respite, tutoring for grandchildren, school interventions, behavior management programs, educational forums, intergenerational physical fitness programs and a psycho-educational summer program for grandchildren ages 6-13. Special services are available to grandparents over 60 years old. Also offers Faith in Action Helping Hands program and McGruff Citizenship and Literacy program.

R3SM **(Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi)** **(601) 544-5115**

Coordinates recovery services designed to alleviate suffering and stress for individuals and families in our community whose homes are damaged by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, fire or other catastrophic events. The primary focus is to support efforts to repair and rebuild homes and lives beginning with the most vulnerable first, which include elderly, disabled and single parents with minor aged children.

The Salvation Army **(601) 544-3684**

Provides crisis intervention and direct services to area residents in need. Temporary assistance given for housing, food, clothing, rent, utilities, medicine, eyeglasses, transportation and counseling emergencies. Provides summer camping programs for adults, assistance during times of disaster, school supplies for needy children, seasonal assistance and senior adult centers. Provides character building programs for youth through Corps Youth activities, summer camps for youth and The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club programs. These include a variety of activities for children ages 6-18 provided through the following core areas: Education and Career Development; Health/Life Skills; The Arts; Sports/Fitness & Recreation; Citizenship/Leadership Development; Cultural/Social Enrichment and Spiritual Growth. The School for Performing Arts provides classes in visual art, dance, voice, drama and chimes.

Safer Center for Crisis Intervention **Regionally toll-free 1-601-264-7777**

Provides support, counseling, referral and information to victims of all types of sexual assault and survivors of homicide and suicide victims. Provides a 24-hour Crisis Line for direct toll-free service. Offers escort services to accompany a victim to the hospital, police department and/or court proceedings. Educates the community on issues related to homicide, the sexual abuse of children and adults, personal safety and rape prevention.

South Mississippi Children's Center **1-800-635-9056**

Provides a safe, homelike refuge for youth ages 9-17 who are abused, neglected, runaway and/or homeless. Serves as the community sponsor for Project Safe Place. Provides 24-hour admissions and crisis line for runaway, homeless or in-crisis youth.

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