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As a nonprofit organization serving three counties on the Cumberland Plateau, the mission of the Sewanee Community Chest is to support local organizations who serve the comwanee Civic Association has organized the Community Chest. The Sewanee Community Chest raises funds annually to meet basic needs in the community: food, books, elderly care, children's programs, recreational spaces, animal care and more. In the last decade it has raised more than \$1 million for area programs and initiatives.

Further information about the Sewanee Civic Association and the organizations we steward can be found at www.sewaneecivic.

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APPLY

The Sewanee Community Chest raises money annually to fund organizations for basic needs in the community such as books, food, recreational spaces, elder care, for those who improve lives through outreach and community initiatives, and for those who provide support for children with a variety of programs.

Requests for grant applications go out in August and are due in mid-September. The Sewanee Community Chest does not allocate funds to those organizations who discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex or national origin. THANKS TO YOU \$98,390 was donated to fund the following organizations for 2020-2021: Animal Harbor, \$3,000 Blue Monarch, \$3,000 Boy Scout Troop 14, \$500 Community Action Committee, \$3,000 Growing Roots, \$450 Folks at Home, \$5,000 Fourth of July Celebration, \$4,000 Housing Sewanee, \$10,000 Little Bellas, \$250 MARC, \$7,000 MGTA, \$1,500 Reach Out and Read, \$2,090 Sewanee Senior Center, \$8,000 SES Parent Organization, \$23,000 Sewanee Children's Center, \$12,000 Sewanee Community Center, \$3,600 Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$10,000 South Cumberland Farmers' Market, \$1,000 St. Mark's Community Center, \$1,000

The efforts of the Sewanee Community Chest are the result of the good will and immense kindness that community members like you, demonstrate each year. This year, we once again find ourselves presented with an opportunity to make both tangible and meaningful contributions to our little mountain haven. Now, more so than in recent memory, our community members depend on each other.

As you may know, our community is comprised of many organizations that rely on the financial support of the Community Chest to achieve their mission of serving our community members. Without contributions from folks like you, these organizations would not be able to provide much needed community resources and services.

Everyone, and we do mean everyone, in our community has the right to benefit from the resources provided by the organizations that receive finan-

cial support from the Community Chest. So many have already benefited, and we want to ensure so many more are able. We've listed a few community critical resources we continue to support:

our local schools

our organizations serving senior citizens

our children's organizations our community volunteer home ouilding

our community gathering and recreation spots

our local animal rescue facilities our local farm and food programs

our Fourth of July Celebrations

Sewanee is an unincorporated area/location, which means that we are unable to collect tax revenue to provide support for needed community resources, and so must rely on the generosity of community members to provide financial support.

With all that has transpired this year, and the many unknowns yet to come, we understand the apprehension some may have to make another financial commitment. This is the time we feel we should band together—as a community—to make the most significant impact on the lives of those in need. In keeping with the spirit of our "Volunteer State" motto, we ask that you contribute what you are able. No amount is too small to make an impact here.

Without your support, these grants will not be possible. We look forward to many more years of our future together.

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Sewanee Civic League— Women organized Sewanee's first community civic club, called the Sewanee Civic League in 1908 in order to improve municipal conditions and equipment. Through various subgroups they accomplished many projects, including underwriting the blueprints for the stone gates on the highway, circulating literature on tuberculosis, repairing the stone wall around the cemetery, and raising money to extend the term of the public school. They put Shoup Park in front of the Sewanee Inn (now Elliott Hall), cleaned up the principal views near Sewanee, and contributed money for the improvement of the University's water supply. The organization raised funds with a tearoom, a women's exchange, catering, rummage sales, book sales, a strawberry festival, recitals and other endeavors. When the organization voted to disband in 1947, they gave their fund balance of \$633.17 to the University's Five Million Dollar Campaign for the endowment of the nurses' home. The University Gates Fund went to the newly organized Woman's Club.

Sewanee Civic Association their The men began connections with the Sewanee Town Meeting group in December 1920. It was formed to provide law and order in Sewanee: "We have one of the worst towns...in regard to the violation of the law. We are here to organize and distribute money for the good of Sewanee... stop bootlegging and get a public school we are not ashamed of." This organization was broadened into the Sewanee Civitan Club. This was nationally affiliated until 1942, when it reformed as the local Sewanee Civic Association. Its primary purpose was to raise money that the town could not raise in taxes because it was unincorporated, in order to make municipal improvements. In 1926 the Civitan Club raised funds to build and maintain a new stone public school, and later to put an addition onto it. The objectives in 1938 included the completion of Alto Road and of a state highway to the Marion County line, securing the sheriff's salary, obtaining pledges for a black community center, and adding a four-year high school for Sewanee. Each year this club organizes the Sewanee Community Chest, which now raises thousands of dollars for local organizations.

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The South Cumberland Farmers'
Market



Mountain Goat Trail



Sewanee Fourth of July Celebration



Community Action Committee



Reach Out and Read



Growing Roots

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Folks at Home



MARC and Animal Harbor



Sewanee Elementary





























SES PARENT ORGANIZATION



BOY SCOUT TROOP 14
SEWANEE COMMUNITY CENTER
SEWANEE SENIOR CENTER
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

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THE 37375 CAMPAIGN

On behalf of the Sewanee Civic Association and the Sewanee Business Alliance, we want to thank the entire Sewanee community for its support of the SCA/SBA joint effort "37375 Campaign" to raise funds for COVID-related health and safety products. This special one-time campaign was devoted to helping to make Sewanee's nonprofit organizations, daycare centers, small churches, schools, and SBA member businesses as safe as possible during this terrible pandemic. We all know that Sewanee is one of America's most wonderful small towns, but with this campaign, our aim was to also make Sewanee one of America's safest possible small towns. Together, we raised more than \$26,000 to purchase safety and health improvements for these organizations.

Time and again, in bad times and good times, this community steps up and rises to the occasion when asked. We have so many people to thank for helping with this particular effort, but we can single out a few of the key people: Kiki Beavers is always the first to raise her hand to offer help whenever the community is challenged. Johnny Hughes and Sandy Smart dropped what they were doing to help us get the word out to every-

one in 37383 and 37375 zip codes. Aaron Welch of Big A Marketing got our printed materials together, on-time and on-budget. Joseph Sumpter, already swamped with the thousand details of packing up his life for a sabbatical with his family, managed to always make time to rally donors and spread the message. Frank Gladu of the University was his always-reliable self. always quick with the right answer whenever we needed some guidance on a University matter. Stephen Burnett cheerfully took on a few key tasks when no one else could. And from 900 miles away from his home in Boston, Matt Costello, C'84, who has a long career in nonprofit management and fundraising, offered his various skills to lighten everyone's workload. Two other alums, also far off in Massachusetts, helped to design the red, white, and blue "Sewanee We" logo: Catherine (Currie) Adams, C'86 and Thatcher Adams, C'87. And when the checks started rolling into the Sewanee Community Chest, Community Chest treasurer Carol Ingle was always right on top of things, getting everything accounted for beautifully.

The 37375 Campaign is now moving into its next and final phase, and that is to get these funds spent wisely and quickly. Eligible organizations will soon be receiving a simple application form, and small committees of public health and community leaders on the Domain will convene and work together to meet everyone's needs as best as possible. In the great Sewanee tradition, a new round of people are now stepping up and stepping in to address this latest community challenge.

Thanks again, Sewanee. We are

proud to be a part of such a special community -- and we are now also proud to be a part of a safer community!

A BRIEF HISTORY

The first positive coronavirus case for Tennessee was in the beginning of March. By the middle of March, all schools, non-essential businesses, organizations, and churches were all closed. Tennessee Governor Bill Lee signed a number of Executive Orders, including a State of Emergency. People were told to stay home unless it was absolutely necessary to go out in public. The state of emergency is in place until Aug. 29, 2020.

Some of the restrictions in place by the Executive Orders were eventually lifted. Businesses and organizations were allowed to phase-in reopening. The K-12 schools, colleges and universities all remained closed, and offered online classes and instruction. Churches only offered services online. Organizations had meetings via Zoom online. Some local nonprofits, such as the Sewanee Senior Center and Folks at Home, ceased their normal program offerings to the public.

Sewanee restaurants and area retail businesses offered online ordering and curbside pick-up to stay afloat. When they were allowed to start to reopen, they asked the customers to wear masks. These businesses offered masks if the customer did not have one and had hand sanitizer available. They stepped up their cleaning and sanitation efforts. And, as with the toilet paper shortage back in March, these health and sanitation items are now in short supply on the shelves at the local grocery stores, retail giants such as

Walmart, or even ordering them online.

Daily, the state, the Departments of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization released new guidance on how to protect yourself and others during this pandemic, which included wearing a mask, washing your hands, physical distancing yourself, and other necessary sanitation measures.

On July 3, University of the South Vice-Chancellor Reuben Brigety instituted a mandatory mask directive for all persons on the Sewanee Domain—to include residents, visitors, students, faculty, and staff. Local schools such as Sewanee Elementary, the Sewanee Children's Center and St. Andrew's-Sewanee also instituted a mask wearing directive, and other mandatory safety precautions.

The SBA approached the key local nonprofit, the Sewanee Civic Association, to partner in a campaign to raise necessary funding for the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 health and safety products for the local Sewanee community and organizations.

The 37375 Campaign fundraising is modeled after the successful SCA For the Parks campaign, where more than \$69,000 was raised to refurbish Elliott Park in addition to the \$101,000 SCC fundraiser that year. A number of partnerships from community members, the University, foundations, and grant allocations made that campaign successful.

This unique special project for local COVID-19 health and safety donations ended on Sept. 30, 2020.

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