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**United Way to Host Safety Net Funding Workshops in Five-County Service Area**

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.—**United Way of the River Cities will offer funding workshops in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason counties in West Virginia and Lawrence County, Ohio beginning January 8. Workshops will describe the upcoming Safety Net grant opportunity and will include an overview of the application process and tips for developing a competitive grant. They will be open to registered nonprofit organizations that provide human services within United Way’s five-county service area.

**Tuesday, January 8 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Greater Lawrence County Area Chamber of Commerce
216 Collins Avenue, South Point, OH 45680

**Tuesday, January 8 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

City National Bank conference room

6888 McClellan Street, West Hamlin, WV 25571

**Wednesday, January 9 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

Mason County Public Library, 508 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

**Tuesday, January 15 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

United Way office, 820 Madison Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701

**Wednesday, January 16 from Noon – 1 p.m.**

Wayne County Health Department, 217 Kenova Avenue, Wayne, WV 25570

“Workshop content is identical, so potential applications need only attend one session,” said Andrea Roy, director of community impact for United Way of the River Cities. “Although the workshop is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that nonprofits interested in applying for funding attend.”

This year, United Way of the River Cities is offering Safety Net grants. Safety Net grants are awarded each year to programs that provide short-term assistance with the following basic needs: food, clothing, personal care products/infant essentials, safe shelter, utilities/rent assistance, healthcare, prescription medication, and transportation to allowable safety net services.

The Letter of Intent will open on Tuesday, January 22, and the deadline to submit will be Friday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

Registration for the workshops is required, as the seating capacity is limited. To register for the workshop or for more information, contact Andrea Roy at 304-523-8929, ext. 107 or andrea.roy@unitedwayrivercities.org.

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