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Updated Press Release

**United Way of Central West Virginia
Emergency Fund - Online Donations Now Accepted**

CHARLESTON -United Way of Central West Virginia is establishing a West Virginia Emergency Fund to assist affected residents who suffered from lost wages and reduction of work hours as a result of the recent water emergency and due to no fault of their own. **Donations to the Emergency Fund can now be made online by visiting www.unitedwaycwg.org and clicking on the West Virginia Emergency Fund box on the homepage. Donations can also be made via cash, check, or credit card by contacting United Way of Central West Virginia using the information below.**

Many residents have lost wages due to businesses being closed for lack of fresh water. Even though the crisis is beginning to lessen, lost wages will put pressure on household budgets. United Way of Central West Virginia is connected with the network of emergency assistance agencies serving the affected areas and will serve as the conduit to assist those in need.

We hope that you can join us in emphasizing the importance of “neighbors helping neighbors” by assisting those who have been affected by this water emergency.

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About the United Way of Central West Virginia: *United Way is a volunteer-led, volunteer-driven organization representing Boone, Clay, Logan, Kanawha and Putnam counties. From the board of directors to fund-raising volunteers and the others who lend a hand each year, volunteer leaders ensure United Way continues to make an impact on the issues that matter most. United Way of Central West Virginia is dedicated to making sure children and youth achieve their potential through access to quality educational programs; promoting financial stability and independence; improving people’s health. By encouraging all people in central West Virginia to give, advocate or volunteer, United Way wants to show the power of “living united”. For more information, visit www.unitedwaycwg.org or call 304.340.3500.*