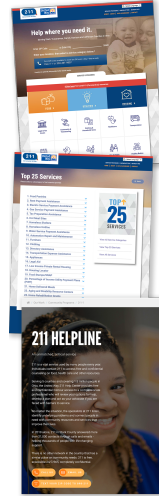


# Looking At The ISSUES

## Stark Education Partnership

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## Stark County Rallies to Reach Those in Need We're #InThisTogether



As schools, restaurants and other companies closed during this COVID-19 pandemic, families and businesses have been struggling to find solutions to food, rent, utilities, transportation, medications and other life challenges that they are facing.

In response, the Stark community has rallied with support for those in need. [Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton](#), the [Stark Community Foundation](#) and other local funders quickly responded to provide significant grant funds for agencies that support our under-resourced community members. [United Way](#) created a fund for families who need rent support and the [Faith in Stark](#) initiative is making grants available for small businesses.

These actions have buoyed the spirits and raised the hope that **TOGETHER** we can overcome this challenge.

With so many resources and Stark agencies available to assist families and businesses, a central website was needed for easy access to those community supports. United Way leaders quickly responded by developing and launching an organized platform – [211stark.org](http://211stark.org) – that provides needed information about a wide variety of areas ranging from food and utilities assistance, to tax services and legal aid. (See sidebar for a list of the top 25 services.)

This new website complements United Way's 211 phone and text service that has been vital to Stark County for many years. In 2019 alone, 211 answered calls and emails from more than 21,000 contacts and helped thousands of people with life-changing support. The United Way 211 Helpline provides free and confidential 24-hour access to a compassionate professional who will review your options, develop a plan, and act as your advocate if you are faced with barriers to service.

Dial 211 or visit <http://211stark.org> if you need assistance. Call anytime 24/7/365 or text your zip code to 898-211 for help. #Team211 #LiveUnited

The Stark Education Partnership (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) collaborates with education, business, civic and community members across the entire spectrum – cradle to career – to create and respond to opportunities that will provide ALL students with education and career success.

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### Top 25 Services on United Way's 211 Helpline

- 1) Food Pantries
- 2) Rent Payment Assistance
- 3) Electric Payment Assistance
- 4) Gas Payment Assistance
- 5) Tax Preparation Assistance
- 6) Hot Meal Sites
- 7) Homeless Shelters
- 8) Homeless Hotline
- 9) Water Payment Assistance
- 10) Auto Repair & Maintenance
- 11) Furniture
- 12) Clothing
- 13) Directory Assistance
- 14) Transportation Expense Assistance
- 15) Appliances
- 16) Legal Aid
- 17) Low Income Private Rental Housing
- 18) Housing Locator
- 19) Food Stamps/SNAP
- 20) Percentage of Income Utility Payment Plans (PIPP)
- 21) Home Delivered Meals
- 22) Aging & Disability Resource Centers
- 23) Home Rehabilitation Grants
- 24) Job Finding Assistance
- 25) Landlord/Tenant Assistance

