

METRO UNITED WAY IN SHELBY COUNTY

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Metro United Way improves lives and our community in a variety of ways and now more than ever, we are focused on three priorities: **thriving kids, strong households**, and an **equitable community**.

Here is the work that we are currently investing in and leading in Shelby County.

FREE 211 HELPLINE

Available to anyone in the county to be connected to resources. Residents can call 211, text their zip code to 898211, or search our online database of resources: metrounitedway.org/get-help

FREE, DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

For parents and caregivers of children 0-5 ½ and available to all residents. It's called our Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) program and helps parents and caregivers better understand a child's development. Free books and activities are sent after each screening is complete. Visit metrounitedway.org/asq to learn more and sign-up.

YOUTH SUCCESS NETWORK

Available to any youth-serving organization and currently one in Shelby County are part of the network that provides resources, capacity building, training, and more support for those organizations that serve youth outside of school hours. And most recently, another organization was provided funding from our Hardship to Hope Youth Summer Fund.

NEW IN FALL 2026: BUILD-A-BED

In partnership with Shelby County Schools, we are excited to help bring Build A Bed to the area that will provide beds to kids in the school system that need them.

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS AND SCHOOL MOBILITY PREVENTION

We recently expanded our Siemer Institute initiative to the Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency in Shelby County.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

During tax season and our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, we provide volunteers to help qualifying individuals in Shelby County with their taxes.

GROCERY CARDS DURING SNAP PAUSE

In 2025 when Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits were temporarily discontinued, more than 60,000 households in our service area, including Shelby County, were affected. We acted quickly and provided qualifying families a way to apply for digital grocery cards to help provide sustenance.



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RACIAL WEALTH GAP SIMULATION

Takes people and organizations on a historical journey to wealth building in America, pausing on 13 federal policies that most powerfully accelerated or impeded progress. More information or to schedule one, visit metrounitedway.org/rwg

BLACK L.O.V.E. (LIVE, OWN, VOTE, EXCEL) PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP

Seeks to advance a culture of philanthropy rooted in generosity, justice, and shared accountability, attacking the roots of systemic inequalities, investing in the expertise and leadership of impacted people and communities. Currently, there are two organization from Shelby County that is part of Black LOVE.

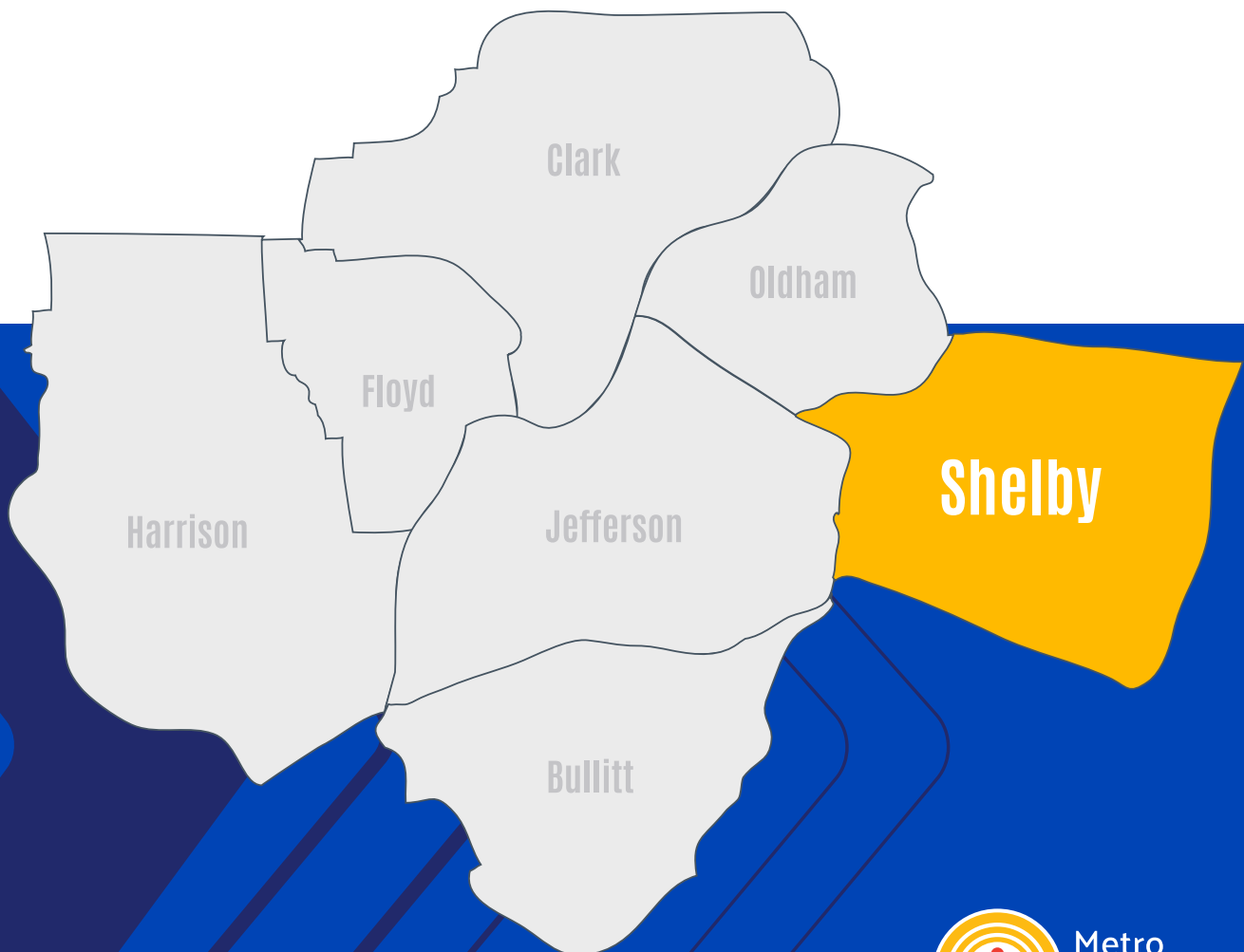
PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY

We recognize that systemic change and lasting impact require a pairing of powerful programming and transformative policy making. We have a targeted public policy agenda that has relevance in every county we serve. Learn more at metrounitedway.org/advocacy

VOLUNTEERISM

We have a volunteer connection portal that is open to any nonprofit in our region to enter their own volunteer opportunities to recruit volunteers to help further their mission(s). We also provide strategic volunteer planning, leadership, and execution in a variety of ways to further our own mission. This past year, in Shelby County alone, we worked with 19 nonprofits providing 28,815 impact kits.

We are always open and eager to explore additional ways to impact Shelby County, working alongside local leaders, community partners, donors.



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