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SEIU Local 517M Members Address Food Security in Region 1

By Clint Bryant, SEIU Staff

In the midst the COVID-19 pandemic, SEIU Local 517M members are on the front lines keeping Michigan residents safe and supplied.

While practicing social distancing, SEIU Local 517M members in the Saginaw area have been working to meet the immediate needs of their community through the distribution of food and necessary cleaning supplies to thousands of Saginaw residents.

"This work isn't new to us here in Saginaw, we do our best and especially now to meet the needs of our community. It feels good to be out of the house and to help those struggling. We will continue to be safe and help when and where we can, as long as we can." - Jeanette Barnett Vice President for the SEIU 517M Saginaw Schools unit.

Members at Saginaw CAC, Saginaw Public Schools and ABM participated in a March 25th distribution event.



Upper Left: SEIU 517M Labor Relations Specialist Clint Bryant with unnamed IBEW member.

Upper Right: Erric Poole from Saginaw Public Schools.

Lower Left: Jeanette Barnett from Saginaw Public Schools with unnamed volunteer.

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Latest COVID-19 Information is Available on our Website

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

SEIU Local 517M is working diligently to keep you informed with the latest information on the spread of COVID-19 and the steps taken to contain the virus from the Governor's office and SEIU International.

We have dedicated a section of our website as a resource to members containing this information. Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly so there are daily updates to the site.

Please keep checking back for the latest information at: <http://www.seiu517m.org/2020/03/24/covid-19-updates-and-resources/>

Other COVID-19 Resources

- [CDC Situation Updates](#)
- [Michigan Updates](#)
- [Map of country-specific travel health information about COVID-19](#)
- DHHS COVID-19 Hotline 1-888-535-6136
- [Federal Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response](#)
- Additional information is available at: [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

SEIU Local 517M is Open for Business!

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

SEIU 517M offices and services remain open and working on your behalf, however, face-to-face and drop-in visits have been suspended to ensure the safety of everyone.

Please use the list below to contact the appropriate staff person and they will be happy to help you via phone or set up a video conference using Zoom. We thank you for your understanding and patience as we all take efforts to curtail the spread of this dangerous virus and continue to represent you.

Please contact the appropriate staff person using the phone directory below:

Andrea Valerio - 989.797.4241 - Saginaw Office Manager

Andy Johnson - 269.978.1994 - Region 2 Labor Relations Specialist

Cassandra Tate - 517.267.2066 - Lansing Administrative Support

Christine Stressman - 616.696.2141 - Region 2 Senior Labor Relations Specialist

Clint Bryant - 989.797.4258 - Region 1 Labor Relations Specialist

Dave Corrie - 517.267.2090 - Information Services/PDF/Member Benefits

Dominic Barbato - 313.314.6511 - Region 3 Labor Relations Specialist

Howard Gordon - 517.267.2070 - Scientific and Engineering Unit Senior Labor Relations Specialist

Jeremy Tripp - 517.267.2065 - Executive Director

Kevin Karpinski - 517.267.2088 - Technical Unit Senior Labor Relations Specialist

Olivia Toretta - 517.267.2095 - Lansing Office Manager

Stay healthy!

SEIU Scholarship Applications Available

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

SEIU Local 517M is proud to offer our own scholarship program to help dues-paying members in good standing, their children, or grandchildren with college expenses.

Funding for the scholarship comes from our Annual Scholarship Golf Outing and other fundraising activities by our local units. We hope you are able to participate in any or all of these events throughout the year. Please check our SEIU Local 517M website for our calendar of upcoming events.

Eight \$500 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to students based on successful completion of the application process and meeting certain criteria. Awards will be made via a lottery system from all eligible submissions. Scholarships are awarded without regard to gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or political affiliation of the applicant. Scholarships are limited to one per household for each academic year.



Applications must be received by May 31, 2020. The winners will be notified July 1, 2020.

For full details and the application, [please click here](#).

A Message from American Income Life to SEIU 517M Members

By Lisa Bennett, AIL Representative

The well-being and safety of our employees and associates is and always will be our top priority. We have dedicated teams that are diligently monitoring and responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as it continues to develop daily. With this in mind, we are taking every measure possible to make sure we have the most updated information so we can continue to maintain the health and safety of our staff and customers.

We have enhanced our member servicing to temporarily allow an AIL Representative to provide members with a virtual in-home presentation. During this time of uncertainty, we have seen an increase in requests for insurance and want to make certain members have the opportunity to provide protection for themselves and their family.

AIL is working to contact all SEIU 517M members who have submitted their beneficiary information to complete the delivery process. The current situation has slowed the contact process down but progress is being made.

If you haven't been contacted already, please know that contact will be made by a representative of American Income Life in the near future.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

Calendar of Upcoming Events - April, 2020

April 6: School and Local Government Region 2 Board Meeting Conference Call.

April 9: Human Services Support Unit Board Meeting Conference Call.

For more information on the above and future events, consult our on-line calendar at:
<http://www.seiu517m.org/events/month/>