

Membership Matters

Quarterly News from The 501 Alliance

December 2020

New Members Join The 501 Alliance

The board approved eight new organizations for membership in the group at their November meeting and we now have more than 340 members located across the state of Michigan.

The board would also like to thank those members who took advantage of our Member Referral Program and helped us to recruit new members. As a reminder, this program provides your organization with a \$50 charitable donation for every prospective member who completes and submits an application for membership. An additional \$150 charitable donation is provided to your organization for every prospective member who also qualifies and is approved for membership. In total, up to \$200 can be received for each prospective member referred to The 501 Alliance.

To receive your referral check, the applicant simply needs to include the name of your organization on their application. In addition, there is no limit to the number of prospective members you can refer. For example, refer just five prospective members and your agency will receive at least \$250 and up to \$1,000. You can also contact us at any time to inquire about the status of any organization that you referred for membership.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at 800-968-9675. You can also visit our website at 501alliance.org for more information.

New Director Elected to the Board

A new director was recently elected to our board, so please join us in welcoming Mr. Charlie Sircusa, who is the Director of Sales at Timberland. Mr. Sircusa is based in southeastern Michigan and he has a history of volunteering and working with local nonprofit agencies. Everyone at The 501 Alliance is looking forward to working with him.

We would also like to thank Mr. Donald Fields for all of his contributions he made to the group, as he recently left the board. He served as a director for four years and most recently, he was the secretary for the group. Mr. Fields was always willing and happy to help and we wish him well in the future.

For a listing of all of the directors on the board, please visit our website at 501alliance.org. If you're interested in becoming a director and volunteering, please contact the Administrator at 800-968-9675.

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New Phone Appointment Option with the Unemployment Insurance Agency

The Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) is now offering telephone appointments for individuals with specific claim issues. If you have any employees who are struggling with a problem, please share this news with them so they can receive some one-on-one help.

This new service allows claimants to receive assistance with issues based on their availability. A customer service agent will call the individual on the designated day and time they choose from the agency's customer service line – 866-500-0017. Claimants should be prepared to verify their identity with their Social Security Number and Driver's License/State Identification Number.

Individuals can schedule an appointment for the issues listed below up to one week in advance at the following website: michigan.gov/leo

- I filed under the wrong Social Security Number
- My claim is inactive
- I am unable to certify for all weeks needed
- I need to file a claim but one is already filed in my name
- I do not have the link in MiWAM to file a claim

Phone appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. – 4:25 p.m. Each appointment is expected to take no more than 20 minutes. While the COVID-19 pandemic has forced local UIA offices to remain closed, this new service expands the agency's customer service options. The UIA expects to schedule up to 800 appointments per day utilizing a dedicated group of customer service agents.

2021 Contribution Rate Notices Now Available

In case you missed the announcement at the beginning of December, we wanted to remind all of our members the contribution rate notices for 2021 are now available through our website. Instructions on how to print a copy of your contribution rate notice are provided below:

1. Log-in to your account at 501alliance.org
2. From the member menu select "Contribution Rate Notice"
3. Select "2021" for the year that you would like to print and click on "Get Notice"
4. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Print Page" on the right-hand side

If you have any questions about your contribution rate for 2021, please contact the Administrator at 800-968-9675, option 3.