



Please see the latest news from NTEU Chapter 97,
United Benefits, Valley Forward, Unemployment & IRS

Upcoming Events

April 22
*Maw N Paw BBQ NTEU Curb
Side Pick-up Night*

April 23
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April 29
*Pending: BJ's Kountry Kitchen
NTEU Curb Side Pick-up Night*

Last week we started featuring local restaurants whose businesses have been impacted by the Coronavirus.

NTEU Chapter 97 and its Members are doing their part to support these local establishments by placing orders.

This week we have Maw and Paw's BBQ on the calendar for 2 days (dates above) and they are offering NTEU Members a great deal. Spend \$20.00 (or more) in food purchases and get \$10.00 off!

Take a picture of your plate -or- of your receipt during these two days and get entered into a contest for a chance to win a gift certificate! Take a picture wearing an NTEU Shirt while holding your plate or receipt and get an extra entry!

If on Facebook, send pictures to Marcella Gutierrez on Messenger or send to union@nteu-97.org. Winner will be announced April 27th.

Have Questions Relating to Retirement or Need to Know What Services United Benefits Can Help With??

A Word from United Benefits...

Hey Fresno!

Well, it certainly has been quite an amazing time the past month.

However it does look like there is light at the end of the tunnel!

While we still don't know details, soon this will be behind us and we will all be moving forward!

We have had calls, texts and emails from the team asking how to stay engaged.

I do think it is important for those of you who will be retiring soon to stay focused on being ready when the time comes.

Ways you can do that include:

1. Gather your login and passwords for the following:

A. SSA.GOV

B. GRB

C. TSP.GOV

2. Know what benefits you plan on keeping when you retire- life insurance, medical insurance, dental, vision, cancer, accident, and critical illness.

3. Gather all current beneficiary information- you will need correct addresses and social security numbers.

Being prepared for when the windows does open is the best thing you can be doing!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

We are working from home and are able to respond!

My number is 619-865-1177 and I welcome a call or text!

Everyone please stay safe and well!

And my newest slogan is STAY HOPEFUL!

See you all soon!! Cristi Lorentz - United Benefits



NOW A WORD FROM NTEU CHAPTER 97's AFFILIATE VALLEY FORWARD...

Now, more than ever, we must stick together and make sure our communities receive the resources they need. We need to make sure we all get counted in the 2020 Census. The census will determine how the resources will be distributed to our communities. The more we get counted the more resources we will receive. For example, for every person that is counted, our communities receive about \$20,000 in resources over the next 10 years. EVERY person counts. It only takes 10 minutes or less to complete the Census and ensure your home is counted and represented.

How?

Easy! There are three ways to complete the Census. Online, over the phone, and by mail. Absolutely no in-person needed.



- **Online**--> My2020Census.gov
- **Over the Phone**
 - [English](#) 844-330-2020 7am-2 am Eastern Time
 - [Spanish](#) 844-468-2020 7am- 2am Eastern Time
 - [TDD](#): 844-467-2020

For a complete list of language options, please visit: 2020census.gov

Valley Forward has been working non-stop motivating everyone to complete the Census. This quarantine has not slowed us down, we simply modified our outreach strategies.

Our student interns have made over 4,000 phone calls, knocked on over 1,000 doors (early March) and have received over 2,500 pledges/commitments to complete the Census. But, in order to get a complete and accurate count, we need your help to spread the word of the importance of the Census. We need you to pledge to complete the Census, if you have not done it yet, AND to tell at least 3 people you know to complete it too! **GET COUNTED!**

Unemployment Benefits - UI Online:

Have you received a message saying "Some customers are experiencing problems using the online service and to check back later?" According to the sgvtribune.com site, log in hours are 2am-10pm Tues - Friday **this week**, 2am-8pm on Saturday and 5am-8:30pm on Sun. Some have tried at 2am today and have been successful! Check for weekly updates. www.sgvtribune.com