

Coronavirus - Opportunities to Help
Tifereth Israel Social Action Committee

Mid-Ohio Food Bank - Donate (currently staffed through the National Guard)

We have created the COVID-19 Emergency Fund to acquire and distribute more food and supplies to continue to meet the needs of our current customers, while also addressing the rising need as job opportunities are impacted by this crisis. With the unprecedented shutdown of schools, large portions of the hospitality industry and many other aspects of normal life, we anticipate an increased demand for food in our community. While we typically provide enough food for 150,000+ meals each day and serve more than 500,000 customers annually across our 20-county service area, we expect these numbers to increase significantly in the weeks and months ahead.

<https://www.midohiofoodbank.org/COVID19Response>

Community Shelter Board - Donate/Volunteer

More than 1,200 people sleep in homeless shelters in Columbus and Franklin County on any given night, while an estimated 600 or more are on the streets. Community Shelter Board is leading a battle to slow the spread of COVID-19 among people experiencing homelessness. These efforts including opening multiple new facilities – some to achieve social distancing in crowded homeless shelters, and other facilities for isolation and quarantine of those already infected with the virus.

<https://www.csb.org/how-to-help-covid-19/>

Life Care Alliance (Meals on Wheels) - Volunteer

LifeCare Alliance continues to serve our clients to the best of our ability amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers are our biggest need! If you are able to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to homebound seniors and people with medical challenges in Franklin, Marion, Madison, Champaign, or Logan counties, please use the links below to get started. We are offering daily, 11 a.m. orientations to get new volunteers on the road as soon as possible. Any questions may be directed to our Volunteer team at volunteer@lifecarealliance.org.

<https://www.lifecarealliance.org/volunteer/>

Red Cross - Blood Donation

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed now to donate to help patients counting on lifesaving blood. Individuals can schedule an appointment to give blood with the American Red Cross by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or activating the Blood Scheduling Skill for Amazon Alexa.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio - Donate

The lives of more than 10,000 Ohioans in 300 homeless shelters around the state are at imminent risk from the coronavirus. Please support the COHHIO Pandemic Emergency Fund so our homeless shelters get the cleaning supplies, medical equipment, extra staffing and space they need during this crisis. Emergency shelters operate on lean budgets and are struggling to meet basic needs while trying to prevent the spread of infection. Social distancing is impossible without a place to call home. Our recent report found 87% don't have enough space to isolate and quarantine clients, and 71% don't have enough cleaning and hygiene supplies to prevent the spread of the virus. Shelters are losing desperately needed staff and volunteers.

<https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/cohhio-pandemic-emergency-fund>

YWCA Columbus - Donate

For many in our area, staying home isn't an option. Some people have no home. Some can't afford to miss a day on the job. And for some children, if they don't go to school, they don't get lunch. For these people, YWCA Columbus provides essential support every day. And when there's a crisis, our support is even more crucial. As the coronavirus situation changes, we need to respond quickly. Intelligently. Generously. With a gift, you make sure we can do what's needed, extending our services to those who are vulnerable. You help us prepare for and adapt to all the unexpected challenges this virus poses. And you protect the long-term health of our community by supporting our work to address the affordable housing challenges so many in our region face. There is no higher priority for YWCA Columbus than the well-being of our community. Your gift helps us protect just that. Stand up against fear and inequity. Stand for courage and compassion. When we work together as a community, we will weather this crisis.

<https://www.ywcacolumbus.org/get-involved/donate-covid-relief/>

YMCA Columbus - Donate

Social Distance Is NOT Social Absence

Our work to support growing community needs is critical. While branch operations are temporarily suspended, the YMCA's mission-focused work continues and is growing every day. Currently, we are providing:

- Additional Emergency Housing for 200 at our Downtown Y.
- Expanded Children's Services like homeschooling at Van Buren.
- A Safety Net for children and families with diverse abilities through ECRN+

Your gift can help us be nimble and effective in our effort to serve and rapidly respond to the highest needs of our community. Be present - support your community today.

<https://www.classy.org/campaign/covid-19-relief-appeal/c277217>

Columbus Cares Kid Kits - Donate

Action for Children, Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Ohio State University, and Future Ready Columbus are collaborating to create 3,000 Columbus Cares Kid Kits to distribute to under-resourced families using local Nationwide Children's Hospital Close to Home locations. The purpose of the kits is to provide some guidance and relief to parents with children 5 and under during this challenging time. Our particular focus is those families that may be experiencing a disproportionate impact from the current pandemic conditions and may not have access to the array of options that are provided by virtual support. Our goal is for these kits to serve as a way to help those parents and children who are affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic by providing some much-needed age-appropriate learning materials and educational literature about parenting in these challenging times. We appreciate any support you may be able to provide.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org/columbus-cares-kid-kits/>

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging - Donate

Aging Solutions is a non-profit foundation that upholds the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging's mission to inform and support people as they navigate the experience of aging or disability. Our priority is to promote choice, independence, and dignity for older adults and people with disabilities and help keep them safe and healthy at home. Often individuals served through the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging need just a little extra help to maintain their quality of life and independence at home. Aging Solutions provides emergency funds for prescriptions, health and safety repairs or purchases, and other essential support.

<http://www.coaaa.org/cms/donate>

Central Community House - Donate

Central Community House is a comprehensive, neighborhood-based community center that has been serving the near east and near south neighborhoods of Columbus, Ohio in the settlement house tradition since 1936. A CTI connection: CCH's Executive Director is Tammy Forrest, daughter of Frank and Susan Mott.

<http://cchouse.org/>

Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center - Volunteer/Donate

As part of the century-old settlement house movement, CRC is a community-based social services agency that brings people together to help individuals and families build upon their strengths. For almost 50 years, CRC has been making a difference in the lives of neighbors. Many lives have been improved or sustained by the services CRC provides. We promote self-sufficiency while respecting individual worth, rights, and dignity. Thus creating a greater quality of life for everyone throughout the community.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084fa4af2fa7fd0-corona>

Seeds of Caring - At-home service with children up to age 12

Curated at-home service experiences in support of the hungry and homeless, immigrant and refugee children, and seniors.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/seeds-of-caring-9804905236>