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To our Partners:

Despite the challenges, stress, and uncertainty brought on by the ever-changing coronavirus situation, we have been inspired by the swift response of so many of our community partners and funding peers who have sprung into action to assist residents and nonprofit organizations.

In just a few short weeks, the [Community Crisis Fund](#), created by the United Way and Rochester Area Community Foundation, is up and running -- deploying flexible resources to nonprofits disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The Health Foundation is proud to participate in this effort and work collaboratively to address both the immediate and long-lasting impact of COVID-19 in the communities we serve. We've recently added a [resource page](#) to our website that lists other funding opportunities that may be a fit for your organization.

As we watch what happens on Capitol Hill, we wanted to share a document with you that provides an initial analysis of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The document, found [here](#), was created by the National Council of Nonprofits and outlines relevant provisions for non-profits.

While the pace of life is very much in flux, our team remains fully engaged in the work of pursuing and investing in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive. We're meeting virtually and regularly sharing resources and ideas. We are striving to be as flexible as possible as we navigate this uncharted territory together, and we'll keep you updated on any changes on our end.

We look forward to the time when we can once again gather as communities. Until then, we're standing by to answer your calls and listen to your concerns during these uncertain times.

With Gratitude,

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CENSUS 2020 - MAKE YOURSELF COUNT!

Completing the census is an easy way we can help our community even as we stay at home and practice social distancing.

The coronavirus outbreak has led the U.S. Census Bureau to pause current field operations and delay the timeline for sending people door-to-door to count everyone who does not respond online. So, the more people respond online now, the less time and labor it will take to visit non-responsive addresses this summer. It only takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Responding to the census is our right and civic duty; it affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources, how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. To learn more, visit 2020census.gov.

SHARING RESOURCES

Monroe County Executive Adam Bello has launched a job portal to connect essential businesses looking to expand their workforce during the COVID-19 crisis and individuals across the community who are healthy and looking for work. Visit www.monroecounty.gov/works to post or explore job opportunities or call RochesterWorks at (585) 258-3500.

Healthi Kids has created a resource page for educational, play, and healthy eating ideas to keep kids busy, along with some tips for families on how to navigate this crisis:
www.healthikids.org/blog/resources-for-families-covid-19

Stay up to date on New York's response to COVID-19: www.governor.ny.gov/news

Governor Andrew Cuomo has asked mental health professionals to staff a hotline during the COVID-19 crisis -- and more than 8,000 volunteers have stepped up. The free hotline is: 1-844-863-9314.

Visit <https://211lifeline.org/food.shtml> or contact 2-1-1 either by phone or via text (898-211) for food assistance in the Finger Lakes Region.

The United Way has created a volunteer and in-kind response [portal](#) where agencies can post needs and volunteers can find in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities.

Join the United Way and Monroe County's Human Service Hub for resources, information, guidance, and other supports. To be included in the hub, [email the United Way](#) .

BRIGHT SPOT: DR. SANFORD MAYER



New York State is preparing for potential staffing shortages during the pandemic, asking willing and qualified health professionals (including retired individuals) to submit their information [here](#) .

One of our board members, Dr. Sanford Mayer was interviewed by News 10 NBC as he considers ways he might help out.

"I want to thank Dr. Sandy Mayer and others who are thinking about coming out of retirement or returning to the medical field to help out with the COVID-19 response," said Dr. Louis Papa, Health Foundation board chair. "Dr. Mayer is a community treasure and we are grateful that he is a board member at the Health Foundation!"

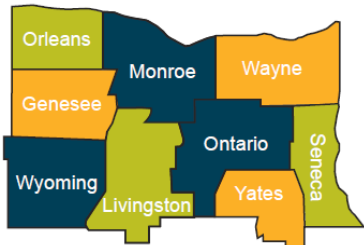
The Monroe County Medical Society has also created a [portal](#) for volunteers.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

- [NY Coronavirus Hotline 1-888-364-3065](#)
- [New York State Department of Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Visit the websites below for county-specific information related to COVID-19:



- [Genesee](#)
- [Livingston](#)
- [Monroe](#)
- [Ontario](#)
- [Orleans](#)
- [Seneca](#)
- [Wayne](#)
- [Wyoming](#)
- [Yates](#)

In closing, we want to leave you with a quote from Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky of B'nai David-Judea, a Modern Orthodox congregation in Los Angeles, who reminds us that while we are practicing social distancing, we must not adopt a mindset of mutual distancing:

“Every hand that we don’t shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another must become a thought as to how we might help that other, should the need arise.”

The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.

