

# Response to COVID-19



**Buckeye's COVID-19 Support**

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# Supporting Community Organizations

Buckeye's Community Relations team partnered with local organizations combating food insecurity for those affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Buckeye gave small financial sponsorships to the following organizations in their effort to increase access to healthy food at this time and in-kind donations to many more:

- Columbus, St. Stephens Community Services
- Akron, OPEN M
- Toledo, Connecting Kids to Meals
- Dayton, The Marketplace Movements Church & Sunlight Village

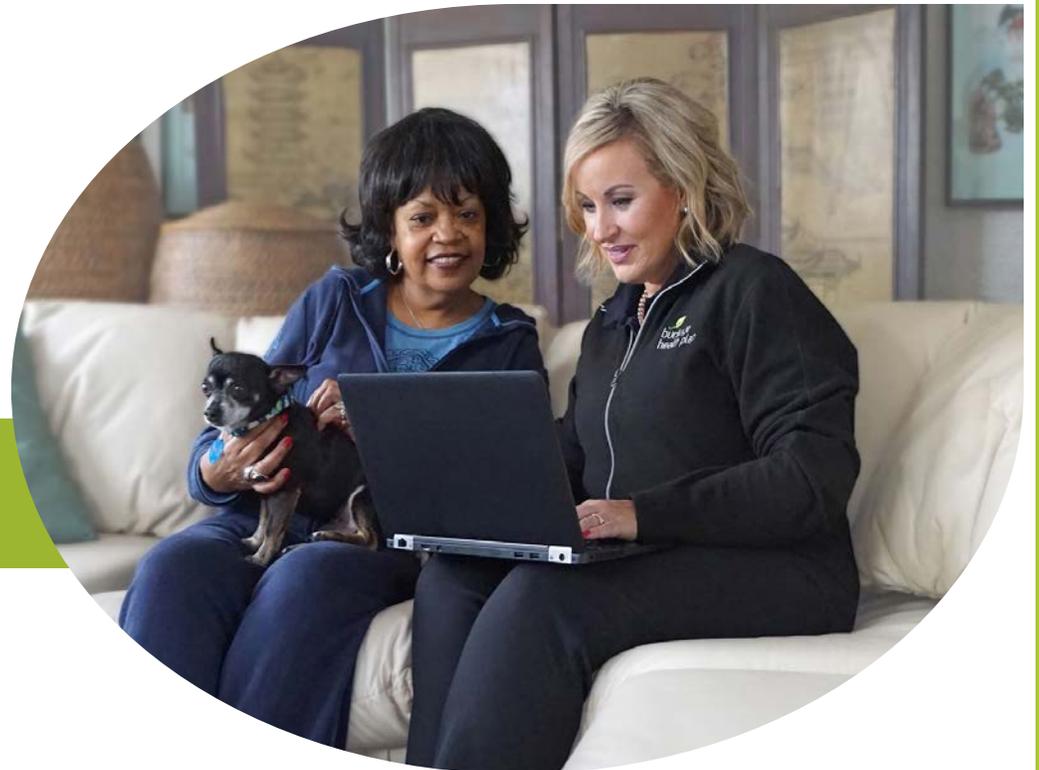
*"Thank you so much for your support of OPEN M during this difficult time. We have expanded our pantry reach during these uncertain times and are thankful we are still open and able to serve the community! Thank you again for your support. It truly means the world to us!" - Jess Rist, Development Manager of OPEN M*

*"We will apply your funds to our weekday grab and go meals where our gap in funding for each meal is about \$.20. With your contribution, you will help us serve 12,500 healthy meals to kids in our area. We so appreciate you!" - Wendi Huntley, President of Connecting Kids to Meals*

# Buckeye Community Connect

- This online tool lists thousands of community-based organizations that can help with food, housing, transportation, jobs and more.
- This tool connects our members and the community with local services and resources to meet their needs.
- It's easy to access and free of charge.
- Search for community-based organizations that can help with food, housing, transportation, jobs and more!
- Buckeye is constantly adding new partners. Add your organization today!

[CommunityConnect.BuckeyeHealthPlan.com](https://CommunityConnect.BuckeyeHealthPlan.com)



# Supporting Childcare

Buckeye Health Plan, in partnership with its parent company Centene, donated \$65,000 to support the operation of the YWCA Columbus pandemic child care center during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Four hundred disaster kits containing essential first-aid supplies will also be shipped to the YWCA to hand out to essential workers and at local shelters.

The donation will support families who are working essential jobs and using the Safe and Sound Child Care Center by covering additional costs of childcare, meal services and activities. The funding is crucial to allow the YWCA to increase their services to families during this pandemic.

“Essential workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic are putting their lives at risk every day to help others. As part of our commitment to improving the health of our community, one person at a time, we are proud to support the YWCA’s efforts to provide child care and services to essential workers who need it most. It’s one action we can take to help make a difference during this unprecedented time.”

-- Steve Province, President and CEO of Buckeye Health Plan.



# May Dugan Center

Buckeye was proud to support the May Dugan Center's drive through food distribution efforts. The center served more than 2,000 individuals in the Cleveland area in just two days! Buckeye provided bags that volunteers filled with food.

News5 Cleveland captured the drive-thru food distribution program. [Take a look!](#)

For more information, visit their [website](#).



# Women2Women

Buckeye was proud to partner with Women2Women to feed students and their families during the COVID-19 crisis. 150 students at Mifflin Middle School picked up homework assignments and supplies AND food bags with our support.



# Buckeye Provides Health Education

As cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) began appearing in Ohio, the general public had questions about the virus, how it spreads and their risk for infection. Buckeye Health Plan Medical Directors, Dr. Lucas and Dr. Suprenant, were featured on local media in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown to educate, ease concerns and inform the public about how to protect themselves against the virus. Health education messages reached 378,000 Ohioans.



# Supporting Providers

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Buckeye appreciates the sacrifices, time and effort providers and their teams are making on the front lines to combat the viral attack. To support their immediate need, Buckeye has donated \$32,000 worth of PPE to Ohio providers:

- Masks
- Gloves
- Gowns
- Hand sanitizer

We are proud to partner with these providers to navigate the COVID-19 crisis and provide compassionate care and service to those we are honored to serve.

