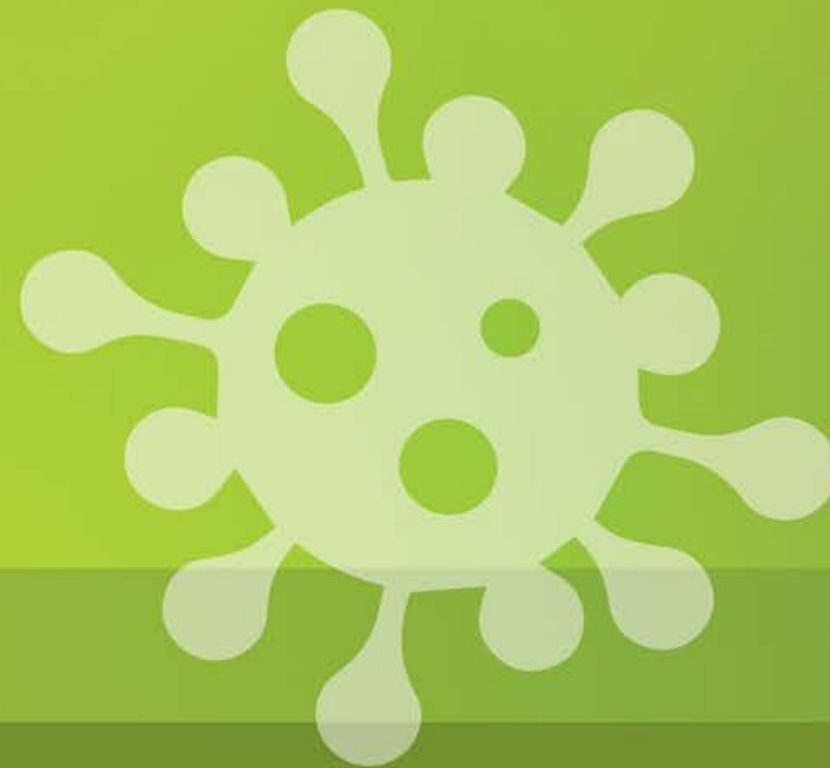


Response to COVID-19



Central/Southeast COVID Community Partner Responses

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Creative Ways to Address Community Need

During the COVID-19 crisis, community organizations across the State continue to serve on the frontlines every day to help those in need in our local communities.

Buckeye asked our community partner network of 40,000+ people what their organizations were doing to help the community during the COVID-19 crisis. The response was overwhelming! 244 partners across the state shared creative ideas and best practices related to direct outreach during these challenging times.

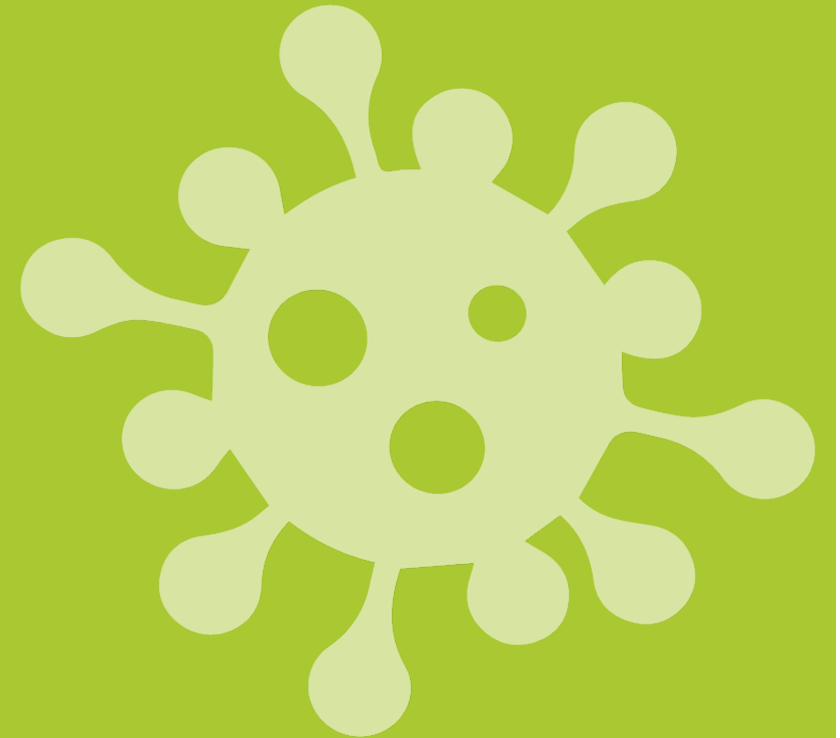
We compiled a snapshot of the great work in the Central/Southeast region in service to our members and the broader community. We hope these examples encourage and inspire you during this time. We are all in this together.

Stay Safe and Healthy!

Central/SE Ohio



Food Insecurity and Other SDOH Challenges



Western Area Resource Ministry (WARM)

WARM is partnering with Westerville City School District to distribute meals at various distribution locations. In addition to the weekday delivery, they are providing weekend food bags for students and families.

Community food distribution through the food pantry looks a little different. While distributing food, staff are abiding by social distancing guidelines and practicing additional sanitation methods.

During this time, WARM has developed new partnerships with businesses, service clubs and donors who are rallying to help serve those in most need in our community.

Learn more on their [website](#).



Victory Ministries

Victory Ministries is ensuring that the community has food during this time. They have adjusted their food pantry services to curbside delivery to avoid exposure for volunteers and the community.

In addition, the organization is supporting local efforts. Victory Ministries gave food boxes to social workers to distribute to women coming out of homelessness. The social workers will also be addressing their housing, employment and mental health concerns to try and get them back on their feet again!

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



Community Development for All People

Community Development for All People's All People's Fresh Market, is providing fresh and healthy food to low-income community members through a drive-up/walk-up service system to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Volunteers are distributing pre-boxed food packages with produce, dairy and eggs among other healthy foods. Boxes also include personal care items. The market is also sharing healthy eating and living tips through their Facebook page and through the Remind app. All People's Fresh Market is serving 400-500 families a day and expects this number to increase as more people become food insecure during this time of crisis.

Those in need of food assistance can visit the market Tuesday-Friday from 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. For more information, visit their [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for more information.



Knox County Mobility Management

Knox County Mobility Management seeks to meet the transportation needs of Knox County Residents. During this time, Mobility Management has partnered to address the needs of at-risk residents. They have partnered with United Way, Chaplains Association of Knox County and Knox Area Transit to help deliver groceries and prescriptions.

In addition to the direct service, Mobility Management is sharing food pantry operation hours, special shopping hours at local stores, transportation options, 2-1-1 information and local hot meal locations on social media.

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

A screenshot of a Facebook post from the page "Knox County Mobility Management". The post is dated "March 23 at 7:42 AM" and includes a gear icon for settings. The text of the post reads: "Prescriptions and Grocery Delivery Available United Way of Knox County has announced a partnership between Knox Area Transit and the Knox County Community Chaplains group to provide delivery of medications and groceries, to seniors and those with at-risk medical conditions in Knox County. Susie Simpson, Knox County Mobility Manager, will oversee taking phone calls and arranging for deliveries. Deliveries will be scheduled from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M., Monday through Saturday. Sunday deliveries will be from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Those needing this service can call Simpson at 740-485-5002." Below the text, there are 2 likes, 4 comments, and 77 shares. At the bottom of the post, there are three buttons: "Like", "Comment", and "Share".

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COHHIO

COHHIO is supporting homeless shelters during the COVID-19 crisis through funds and resources. The coalition issued grants to local homeless shelters totaling \$500,000 to help limit the spread of COVID-19 among residents, staff and the broader community. The Pandemic Emergency Fund has a goal of raising \$1.5 million to support local homeless programs' COVID-19 response efforts through the next 30 days. Donations can be made directly to local shelters or to the [fund](#).

COHHIO and national expert Barbara Poppe released a report: [Double Jeopardy: The Coronavirus & Homelessness](#) in Ohio which found that 79% of Ohio's shelters lack the funding they need for interventions to reduce overcrowding in shelters, and 71% lack sufficient sanitation and hygiene supplies to prevent transmission of the disease. Even more alarming, 87% don't have enough space to isolate and quarantine clients who show symptoms of COVID-19. The report shares how government, business, philanthropy and nonprofit sectors can pull together to ensure Ohio's homeless system is ready to respond to the outbreak and minimize its impact on the broader community.

Learn more on their [website](#).

Health and Wellness



Lower Lights Christian Health Center

Lower Lights Christian Health Center, a Columbus FQHC, is focused on ensuring access to healthcare and safety measures for the community and staff during the COVID-19 emergency. The FQHC has launched telemedicine capabilities for existing and new patients. The clinic is accepting new patients at this time to support the needs of the community. Call 614-274-1455 option 1, for more information.

Lower Lights is investing in their frontline workers as well. Staff are receiving free carryout lunches from Lower Lights Jubilee Market and Café during their shifts.

For more information, visit llchc.org or follow them on social media.



North Community Counseling Centers

During the crisis, North Community Counseling Centers has introduced new telehealth services to allow all mental health counseling, case management, groups, psychiatry, and other programs and services to continue. In addition, they have started a new, online parenting support group to help families facing additional stress.

North Community is utilizing social media to assist its clients at home. They are offering online mindfulness groups to help clients manage overwhelming feelings. They are also sharing information on COVID-19 prevention, mental health tips, coping skills, mindfulness, stress management, and more. To support the Nepali community, they are posting Facebook videos on our Center for New Americans page to help educate the Bhutanese-Nepali population in Columbus about the COVID-19 virus and ways they can stay healthy and prevent illness.

For more information, visit their website, and social media outlets.

- northcommunity.com
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [The Center for New Americans Facebook](#)



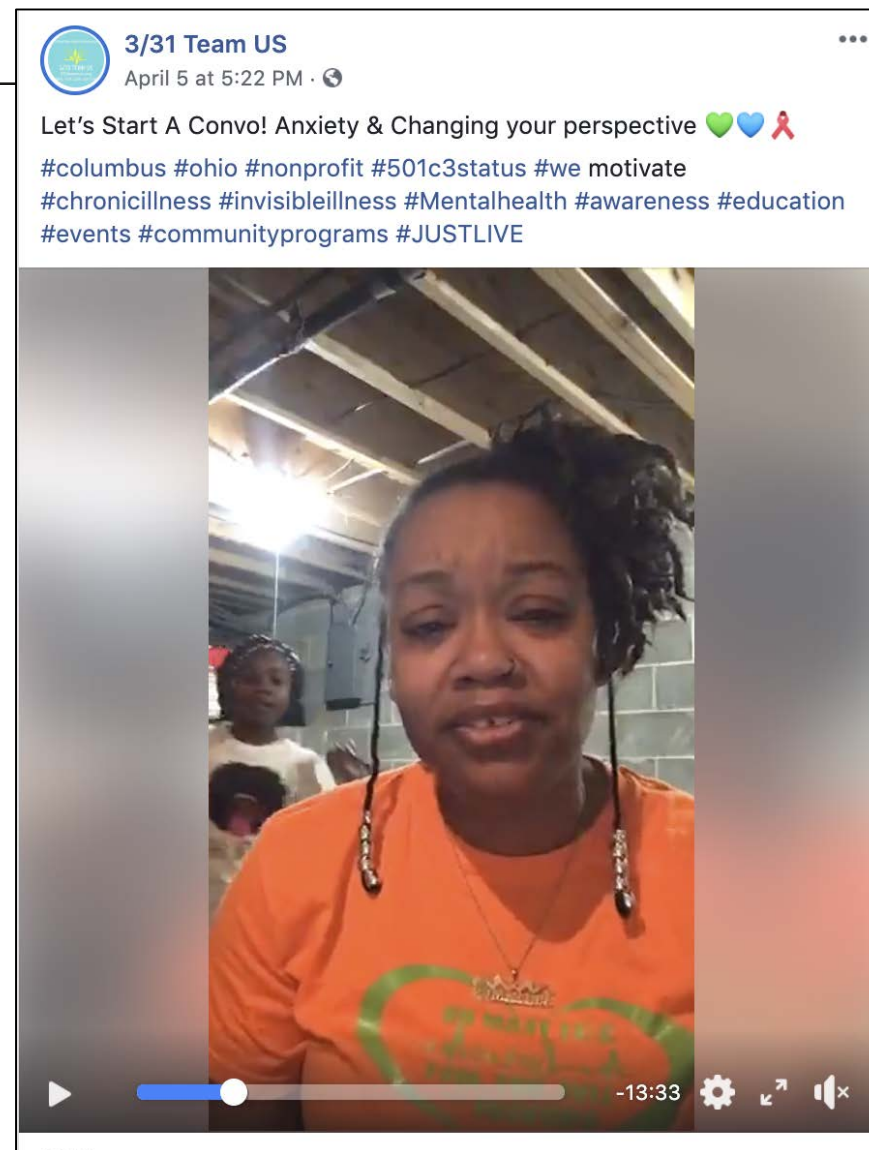
3/31 Team US

3/31 Team US promotes and raises awareness of chronic illness and mental health conditions in our communities through events, outreach programs and speaking engagements. During the COVID-19 emergency, 3/31 is utilizing social media to share positive tools to combat stress, depression and anxiety. They have created awareness skits on Youtube and every sunday at 5 pm they host a virtual “Let’s Start a Convo” meeting on Facebook. Their resources allow the community to ask questions and discuss how they’re coping during this time.

Facebook group: 3/31 Team US awareness group if they need someone to talk to, learn new coping skills or share their own to help someone else struggling.

For more information, visit their [website](#) or social media:

- [Facebook Group](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube channel](#)

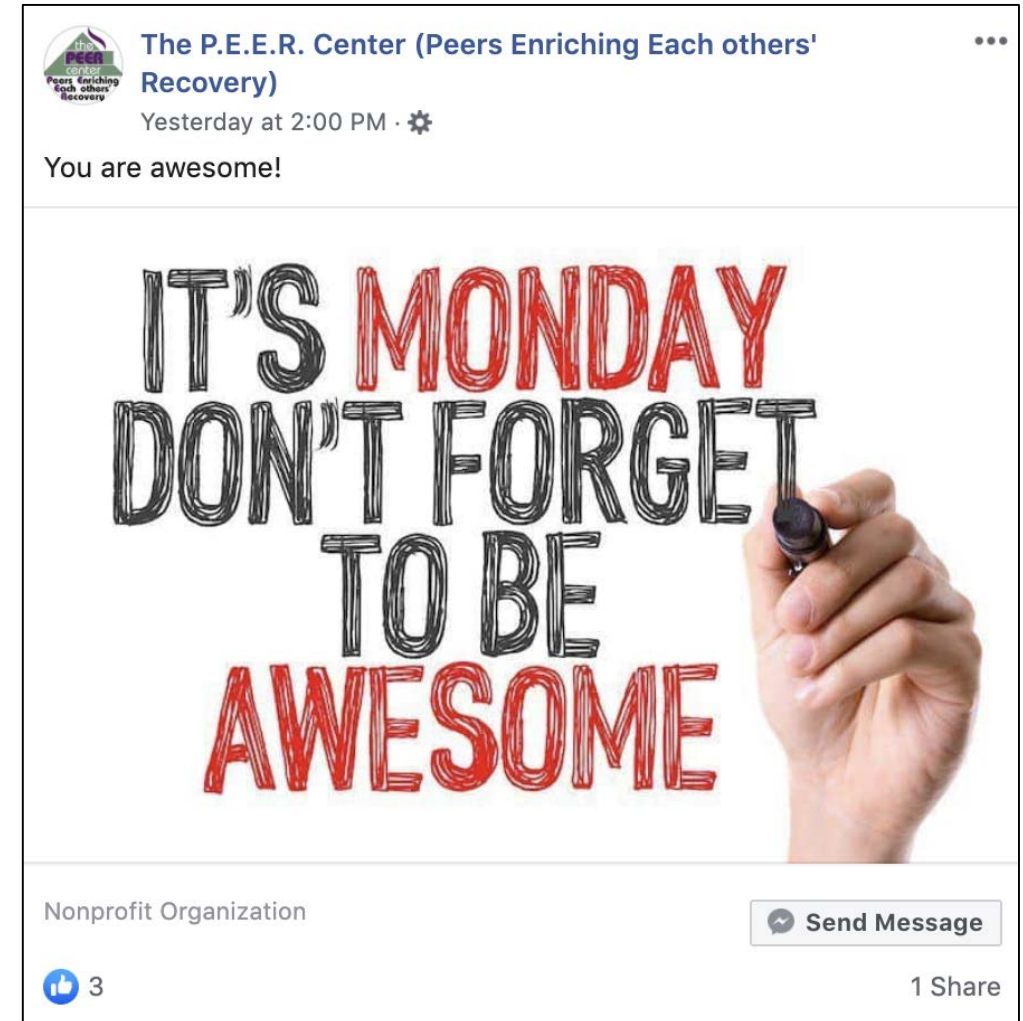


The P.E.E.R. Center

The P.E.E.R. Center is a drop-in wellness, recovery and support center in Columbus. During the COVID-19 emergency, the center has expanded its warmline hours to address the needs of those needing non crisis support after hours. In addition to expanding support services, the center is sharing resources on social media: coping strategies provided by local and and state authorities over mental health, substance use, trauma, homelessness, and well being.

Reach out to a Peer Supporter by calling (614)-358-TALK (8255) 9 am to 3 am Daily!

For more information, visit the Peer Center's website, www.thepeercenter.org, or social media.

A screenshot of a Facebook post from "The P.E.E.R. Center (Peers Enriching Each others' Recovery)". The post includes the center's profile picture, name, and a timestamp of "Yesterday at 2:00 PM". The main content is a hand-drawn graphic with the text "IT'S MONDAY DON'T FORGET TO BE AWESOME" in red and black marker. A hand holding a black marker is visible on the right side of the graphic. Below the graphic, the post is categorized as a "Nonprofit Organization" and includes a "Send Message" button, a thumbs-up icon with the number "3", and a "1 Share" indicator.

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Children's Education and Support Services



Open Arms Health Systems

Open Arms Health Systems empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to live dignified, independent, and successful lives. During the COVID-19 emergency, the organization is using social media to engage with its clients. Open Arms provides online literacy, recreational and socialization based activities. In addition, they share daily “good news” posts, and simplified information about mandates for clients to better understand the information.

For more information, visit OAOhio.com.



Directions for Youth and Families



Directions for Youth and Families continues to support Columbus youth and their families during this time. To ensure the health and safety of their clients, DFYF counseling services have transitioned to telehealth-therapy on virtual platforms. Their counselors continually provide families with activities and tools for home engagement with youth.

After-school programming has been suspended until further notice. To support children, DFYF staff are preparing “takeout” lunch and dinner for their after-school families. In one week, they served 450 meals.

For more information, visit www.dfyf.org.

We are committed to offering counseling services

DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES IS COMMITTED TO OFFERING COUNSELING SERVICES FOR NEW AND EXISTING CLIENTS. IT IS OUR MISSION TO HELP OTHERS “LEAD FLOURISHING LIVES” IN CENTRAL OHIO.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR INTAKE DEPARTMENT

(614) 294-2661

INTAKE@DFYF.ORG

ALL SERVICES PROVIDED WILL BE VIA TELEHEALTH PENDING THE END OF THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Senior Support Services



Jennings Center for Older Adults

Jennings offers support services for seniors in Northeast Ohio. The center offers affordable apartments, assisted living, adult day services, alzheimer's/dementia care and long and short term rehabilitation. During the stay-at-home order with decreased visitors, they have created opportunities to further support senior's needs. They created gift packages for families to purchase from the gift shops to be delivered to residents. They have also dedicated a full time staff member to work with residents and their families to have virtual visits. They have increased their activity schedule through hallway programming to maintain social distancing (Pokeno games, sing alongs, etc.) and appreciate donations from the community.

To learn more about their COVID-19 efforts visit their [dedicated page](#).

For more information, visit Jennings' [website](#) or social media channels.

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

