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Colorado Ways to Assist During Coronavirus Updated 4.13.20

Financial Assistance/Statewide Funds

- **Governor Polis's Colorado COVID Relief Fund** - The goal of the fund is to raise and distribute funds to support unmet needs of the communities and agencies impacted by COVID-19 in response and recovery. [Donate now.](#)
- **Denver Foundation Critical Needs Fund** – Through this fund, The Denver Foundation will rapidly deploy resources to serve those most at risk of serious disruption. [Donate now.](#)
- **Local United Way Funds** – These are several COVID specific funds that have been started by United Ways in our service territory:
 - Mile High United Way - <https://unitedwaydenver.org/covid-relief/>
 - Pueblo County United Way - <https://www.pueblounitedway.org/emergency-fund>
 - Routt County United Way - <https://www.routtcountyunitedway.org/covid-19-updates/>
 - The Summit Foundation - <https://www.summitfoundation.org/>
 - United Way of Larimer County - <https://www.pueblounitedway.org/emergency-fund>
 - Weld County United Way - <https://www.unitedway-weld.org/covid-19/>

Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

If you participate in a virtual volunteer opportunity, please share your story with us!

- [Mile High United Way 2-1-1](#) – support first responders with childcare needs or assistant with general client referral.
- **Note of Encouragement for Mission Critical Workers** – Send a note of encouragement or support to the Xcel Energy “mission critical workforce” as well as hospital staff (doctors, nurses, therapists, cleaning crew security guards). Email your message to socialinvestmentsco@xcelenergy.com and the Social Investments Team will distribute to our operations leadership, Children’s Hospital Colorado and Denver Health.
- [Virtual Senior Companion Program](#) - Seniors’ Resource Center’s Tel-A-Sure program provides daily telephone reassurance and friendship to seniors living alone in Jefferson County, west Metro Denver and Evergreen.
- [Denver Virtual Phonebank](#) - The Denver delegation to the state legislature are collaborating on a city-wide phonebank to older Denverites to ensure that they have the resources needed to get through the COVID-19 crisis. They are partnering with Denver City Council, RTD and Denver Public Schools. Volunteers will help call constituents and ensure that they are safe and healthy during the COVID-19 crisis.



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- [Hunger Free Colorado Food Navigator](#) – The Hunger Free Hotline has received twice as many calls as they normally do, and expect the number to keep rising. It is critically important for Food Resource Navigators to get accurate information to folks in need at this time. To make sure the database is up-to-date, they are looking for volunteers to call partners across the state to verify key pieces of information as they serve communities in need during the pandemic.
- [Virtual Pen Pal](#) – Send love to a Senior who needs it, because a little extra encouragement goes a long way. Spend some time making something special for a member of our community.
- [Florence Crittenton Services](#) - Virtual Cookbook - Contribute your favorite recipe to the FloCrit Food at Home virtual recipe book! For most of us, this is the most eating at home we've done in a long time, if not ever. Provide inspiration with basic recipes that their moms can prepare with and for their kids. All recipes will be translated into Spanish for families whose primary language is Spanish. To contribute, please email your recipe and any relevant photos to Theresa at tgarcia@flocritco.org.
 - Recipes should be:
 - Simple, with easy instructions and common ingredients
 - Scalable. Many of moms live with many people in one home and recipes should be easily scaled up/down depending on # of eaters
 - Bonus if you include a photo(s) of you preparing the recipe or the final dish!
- [Judi's House](#) – Judi's House is assembling small care packages for families comprised of hand-sewn masks and Hello Hands. Any hand-sewn mask pattern is appreciated (they have a goal of collecting 315 masks). A Hello Hand is a trace and cut-out of either an adult, adolescent or child hand with a hand-written message. Construction paper, scissors and markers are all you need for this project. If needed, Judi's House can mail you materials for Hello Hands. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Judi's House by Tuesday, April 21st. Contact Gerri Persin (GerriP@judishouse.org) with any questions or to arrange drop off of masks or Hello Hands.
- [Urban Peak](#) – Make face masks for their front-line staff until they can access medical-grade supplies. Guidelines for how to sew these masks are available [here](#). Masks can be mail to Peak Thrift.
- [YouthRoots](#) – Provide mentorship to YouthRoots participants. YouthRoots is a leadership program that empowers high school students to tackle community issues. Through their program, students respond to emerging needs and build the skills to become change makers now and tomorrow. Email Bonnie Gross (bonnie.y.gross@xcelenergy.com) to sign up.



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In-Kind Contributions

- **A Precious Child** –
 - **Immediate Needs: Baby Items** - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2VXW0EJH55RDZ?ref=wl_share
 - **Immediate Needs: Cleaning Items** - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D41J1GZHGWXK?ref=wl_share
 - **Immediate Needs: Hygiene Items** - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8RVT1QSQEDJ8?ref=wl_share
- **Children’s Hospital Colorado** – New toys for children as all play areas are closed at the hospital to prevent the spread of the virus. [Learn more.](#)
- **Food Bank of the Rockies** – Community food security. [Learn more.](#)
- **Food for Thought** - \$4 will provide a family with meals for a weekend. [Learn more.](#)
- **Jeffco Action Center** – Non-perishable food items [Learn more.](#)
- **Jewish Family Services** – Non-perishable food items, toilet paper, basics. [Learn more.](#)
- **Metro Caring** – Needs sturdy, unused or washed tote bags (reusable grocery bags). If you are in good health and have not been to COVID-19 affected areas or exposed to someone with COVID-19, you can drop off bags during our normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-3:00 pm, and Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm).
- **Urban Peak** – Handwritten note for a homeless teenager or [Donate](#) goods and supplies through their [Amazon wish list](#). Mail handwritten notes to:
Urban Peak
c/o Tamar Berner
2100 Stout Street
Denver, CO 80205
- **The Action Center** – Reusable Grocery Bags. [Learn more.](#)
- **The Delores Project** – Basic needs for women and transgendered individuals experiencing homelessness. [Learn more.](#)
- **Volunteers of America** – Shelf stable food and cleaning supplies. [Learn more.](#)



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- **Additional Needs and Full Listing for Metro Denver** - <https://unitedwaydenver.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/List-of-Nonprofits-Needing-Supplies-COVID19-Relief-Mile-High-United-Way.pdf>

Other Community Resources

- Colorado Business Committee for the Arts - <https://cbca.org/2020/03/resources-to-support-the-arts-during-coronavirus/>
- Colorado Nonprofit Association - <https://www.coloradononprofits.org/covid-19-coronavirus-resources>
- Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce - <https://www.cwcc.org/covid-19-support-for-businesses/>
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, B:CIVIC and Small Business Development Center - <https://denverchamber.org/members/covid/>
- Downtown Denver Partnership - <https://www.downtowndenver.com/home/member-resources/>
- Philanthropy Colorado - <https://www.philanthropycolorado.org/news/resources-covid-19-coronavirus>

Due to COVID-19 outbreaks across the nation, VPTO should be used for virtual volunteer opportunities whenever possible. If utilizing VPTO for in person volunteering both the employee and nonprofit must follow [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), Federal, State and City guidelines surrounding safety and limiting COVID-19 exposure. If an employee is under a Stay at Home order, in person VPTO is not permitted. Social Investments and Corporate Giving teams are working to provide meaningful virtual volunteer opportunities for interested employees.