



Dear Chicago Commons Supporters –

The overwhelming support we are receiving from from many of you during the COVID-19 pandemic is helping us respond quickly to meet the needs of our families - we are so thankful for your generosity.

The health and well-being of the children, families, seniors, and staff at Chicago Commons remains our top priority. The Chicago Commons team is rising to the challenge and going above and beyond to bring care and support to our families. [Donations to our COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) are contributing directly to the health, security, and well-being of our seniors, families, and staff.

Our **Home Care program** continues to assist vulnerable seniors across the Chicago metropolitan region. This week, thanks to generous donations from the [Illinois Department on Aging](#) and Chicago Commons' Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Mary Penn, we secured personal protective equipment (PPE) for our home care aides to keep them and our seniors safe during visits. With funds from the [COVID-19 Relief Fund](#), senior care also purchased 20 gallons of hand sanitizer from Koval Distillery who switched their production from spirits to hand sanitizer for front-line healthcare workers. We are also securing more PPE with support from our donors.



Senior VP of Senior Care Cary Crawford receives shipment of PPE from IDOA for home care aides.

Our **Adult Day Services (ADS)** team remains devoted to providing participants with love and care while our ADS center programming remains temporarily suspended. On Friday, April 3, 2020, the ADS team picked up groceries from Touch Gift Foundation to deliver to our participants who live alone and have families in need. ADS Director Delizza Russell shared, "The look of surprise, gratitude, appreciation and hope expressed by the participants and their families warmed our hearts." Thank you to our ADS team for continuing to provide assistance during these uncertain times and caring for our seniors in the community.



Lace McCall with Chicago Commons' ADS team packages groceries and other items to deliver to participants.

Our **early childhood education** team is finding new ways to connect with kids and their parents at home with fun activities and virtual story time via [YouTube](#) to keep nurturing a love of reading. Family Hub and early childhood education staff have also compiled a [list of resources for families](#) (in English and Spanish), which include access to food, child care, medical assistance, housing, financial assistance, resources for the undocumented, and more. If you or someone you know is in need of any of these resources or updates on our service availability, please visit our [COVID-19 response page](#) for more information.



Studio Coordinator Jesús Oviedo films a YouTube video of learning activities for families to follow along at home.

As we continue to provide our families and home care aides with vital resources, we will need your support as the pandemic continues. With programs suspended until the end of April, if not later, please consider donating to our [COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#) to help us continue to provide food, baby supplies, and much-needed PPE.

On behalf of Chicago Commons' board of directors, leadership, and staff, I would like to thank you for your support at this challenging time. Throughout the six counties we serve, we are better together. With a strong will, coordinated efforts, and boundless generosity, we will continue to flatten the curve.

Best wishes,

Edgar Ramirez
President and Chief Executive Officer

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