

Community giving can play an invaluable role to address both the urgent needs of residents and neighbors, and the long-term recovery of our local nonprofits, small businesses and residents upended by the economic impact of COVID 19.

Our Federal and State governments, foundations, philanthropy-serving organizations, and major donors are rapidly mobilizing COVID-19 relief efforts and emergency aid to communities across the country.

And, in our own backyard, many trusted nonprofit organizations are experiencing increased demand while also supporting the well-being of their own employees.

Locally-focused nonprofits are working diligently to run as effectively as possible as the pandemic requires expanded requests for their services, adjusted service reach and eligibility requirements, adaptations in mission and distribution, and quickly shifting needs in our community.

● HOW CAN I HELP?

Thousands of FoCo neighbors, individuals, families and seniors rely on our local nonprofits each and every day. Even before the Coronavirus outbreak, hourly, self-employed and under-employed workers were struggling to meet basic needs.

Already-vulnerable populations are typically the first to feel the pain during emergencies and times of community stress. Nonprofits are rapidly deepening and expanding their services to respond to the impact of COVID-19. But these increased services require additional financial support.

In this time of crisis, a gift made directly to a nonprofit is the most impactful way to make a difference!

Your direct gift to a nonprofit will enable them to efficiently and effectively address pressing needs close to home. Below is a list of durable local nonprofit organizations working to address the urgent needs of individuals and families through a range of essential services, including assistance with basic needs, vital, affordable housing, social visits and care navigation.

A Little Help, Northern Colorado

www.alittlehelp.org/northerncolorado

Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County

www.begreatlarimer.org

CARE Housing

www.carehousing.org

Catholic Charities of Larimer County

www.ccdenvr.org/larimer-county-services

CASA of Larimer County

www.casalarimer.com

Family Housing Network (*formerly Faith Family Hospitality*)

www.faithfamilyhospitality.org

Food Bank for Larimer County

www.foodbanklarimer.org

Fort Collins Rescue Mission

www.fortcollinsrescuemission.org

Fort Collins Meals on Wheels

www.mealsonwheelsfc.org

Homeward Alliance

www.homewardalliance.org

Neighbor to Neighbor

www.n2n.org

Salud Family Health Centers, Fort Collins Clinics

www.saludclinic.org/fort-collins-west

Volunteers of America Colorado -
Northern Colorado Services

www.voacolorado.org/gethelp-northernco

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● CITY OF FORT COLLINS COVID-19 RELIEF

Adopt-A-Neighbor

Good neighbors can make a difference. The City of Fort Collins will pair you with a neighbor-in-need during this time of community crisis. Volunteers will assist neighbors who are vulnerable to COVID-19 with regular tasks, such as grocery shopping and delivery, picking up medications, basic errands, driveway shoveling, and outdoor pet care/dog walking. Specific needs and schedules will vary and will be coordinated by the paired volunteer and neighbor. Learn more at: www.fcgov.com/volunteer

Northside Aztlan 24/7 Shelter for Those Experiencing Homelessness

In a commitment to protect vulnerable community members, the City of Fort Collins issued emergency regulation authorizing the use of Northside Aztlan Community Center at 112 East Willow Street as a daytime and overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness beginning March 19 at noon until April 10.

Shelter services within the City-owned facility will be operated by local partners Murphy Center for Hope and Catholic Charities. The 24/7 shelter will abide by CDC recommendations and respect local, state and federal recommendations regarding social distancing but also provide our most vulnerable residents a healthy and safe place to rest during this uncertain and unprecedented time.

● LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

Recovery will cast a wide economic net and include part-time and on call workers whose employment is curtailed or canceled without pay or sick days, as well as communities of color, the uninsured, people with limited English and others who don't have significant savings or resources to ride out weeks, months—or longer—without services provided by local nonprofits.

The ripples of our current health & economic crisis will be felt many months to come. Nonprofits, similar to small businesses, will face difficult choices in the budget cycles ahead. Their long-term sustainability and service delivery will be guided and supported by philanthropic sector partners working to strategically and effectively deploy large relief funds.

Charitable giving to support the long-term efforts in our community can be made to:

- Poudre School District, Direct charitable donations to Department of Language, Culture, and Equity Families in Need
- Colorado COVID Relief Fund where Coloradans can donate or volunteer, as well as the Colorado COVID Relief Fund, which has already raised nearly \$3 million to help Coloradans impacted by the coronavirus. www.HelpColoradoNow.org.