



Responding to COVID-19

A note from Janet King, Executive Director

Mr. Rogers said, 'look for the helpers' and that's what we at The Community Fund of Darien do. We are focused on the needs of our neighbors and the agencies that serve them. Who is most in need? What do they need? How can we combine resources with our community partners to help people? We have been in conversation with our partnering agencies to understand how to best support them. We sent out our fourth quarter grant checks, totaling more than \$130,000, two weeks early because we knew our agencies would need immediate funding. You can trust in The Community Fund of Darien to invest wisely in our community. We know our community.

A Quick Update from the Human Services Planning Council



- TCF's [Touch-A-Life](#) fund, in partnership with the Town of Darien Department of Human Services, provided more than \$4,000 in rent support for Darien residents this week along with \$3,000 in grocery store

gift cards.

- Homeless shelters in Norwalk and Stamford are decongesting and moving clients to hotels to stop the spread of the virus.
- The City of Stamford was overwhelmed with volunteer opportunity inquiries so they created a volunteer hotline and are matching helpers to opportunities. There are many challenges in respecting a safe personal distance and delivering food to those who reside in apartment complexes or private homes. Volunteers are making this happen for those who are shut in.
- Local Food Banks are well stocked and are providing food to food pantries. TCF's high school Youth Asset Team has been volunteering with Palmer's Market to shop for and deliver food to our senior residents. They've also been volunteering to collect rescued food and get it to where it can be used.
- A local learning center, which has closed, is providing child care for health care workers.
- One Darien nonprofit has set up a puzzle swap station on their porch. Sometimes it is the smallest gesture which is most helpful.
- On a lighter note, DJ Joe offers virtual dance parties live on Facebook every Saturday from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Look for him @ djjoegetdown on Facebook.

While we are forced to be apart physically, we have come together as a community by finding the helpers and cherishing those heartwarming moments. We're here for those in our neighborhood who need help. We're the eyes and ears of our nonprofit partners. Trust in your investment in TCF.

Can You Help?

Your **ONE** gift to The Community Fund of Darien benefits 20+ agencies focused on human service needs in Darien, Norwalk and Stamford.

Can we count on your support?



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

- Get the family involved or go selfie-mode to create a short 1-2 minute video for senior citizens, as many facilities have barred visitors & stopped communal activities!
- A fun Tik-Tok video, an encouraging message such as "We're thinking of you!", a special drawing or message from little ones, a mini-recital or concert ... the possibilities are endless and would mean so much!
- Email your video message to the following:
Patricia.Daly@AtriaSeniorLiving.com
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GIVING A LITTLE THANKS MEANS A LOT

PALMER'S **STOP & SHOP**

TRADER JOE'S **WHOLE FOODS MARKET**

Thank you to our local markets and their staff members for going above and beyond to keep stores open, stocked, and cleaned, especially as the need to shelter in place continues. We appreciate your efforts!

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