



How to Help Your Community During the Coronavirus Crisis



Our guide to doing good will help you put your skills to use

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Millions of Americans are already doing the most important thing they can do to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19: [social distancing](#).

Hunkered down in our homes, however, many of us yearn to do more to help healthcare workers, struggling business owners and their employees, cultural institutions and performers, and, of course, friends and loved ones we can't visit in person.

The good news: There's no shortage of opportunities for each of us to help in substantial ways. "For those in a position to help, so many organizations are ready to put your energy or money to direct use," says Tony Morain, communications director at Direct Relief, a group that delivers medical supplies during emergencies. "And there are others—arts organizations, local businesses—that aren't as directly involved but are essential to our way of life. They all need help now."

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