

Help Your Neighbors In Need

Do you want to help during the pandemic, but don't know where to start? Here are a handful of local organizations that need your help!

MicheLee Puppets

MicheLee Puppets is providing free 10-minute video chats for your child to interact live with a character from MicheLee Puppets, among many other great resources. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to support MicheLee Puppets, visit https://micheleepuppets.org/donate/

CareerSource Central Florida Resources for Career Seekers and Employers

Visit CareerSource Central Florida's Coronavirus Support page for assistance with applying for reemployment benefits, virtual services, business resources, COVID-19 information, and community resources.

https://www.careersourcecentralflorida.com/coronavirus-support/

IMPOWER

IMPOWER offers a continuum of mental health and child well-being programs and remains fully operational throughout this crisis.

You can help in the following ways:

- Grocery Gift cards and emergency funds for food and basic needs at The Village, its transitional housing program for homeless youth (more than 75% of The Village youth have lost employment and income).
- Board games, movies, video games and sports equipment to help teens dealing with addiction at The Grove stay active and focused on treatment and recovery.
- Additional PPE needed, specifically masks for the residential programs and "essential" staff still having to work in the field.
- Shop from IMPOWER's Amazon Wish List: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/OP3UG0LJOCJL/ref=smi ext lnk lcl cl

- Attend the "Virtual" It Takes a Village Breakfast on May 7th at 9AM. To RSVP and receive the link please email: events@impowerfl.org.
- Make a card or send a handwritten note of "Impowerment" to youth in residential programs. Like the rest of us they are quarantined and life is very different. But, unlike most of us, they aren't with their families or don't have support systems to help them through this time. A note of cheer can make all the difference and remind them we're all in this together! You can mail them to 111 W Magnolia Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit: www.impowerfl.org or contact info@impowerfl.org.

Embrace Families

Embrace Families is gathering supplies for distribution to young adults who turned 18 while in foster care. Many of these young people do not have sufficient support systems and rely on Embrace Families. Many families involved with child welfare or prevention services have experienced job loss or reduced hours due to COVID-19, compounding existing safety issues.

You can contribute in two ways:

- Your monetary donation will purchase grocery gift cards or help procure the supplies needed. https://cbccfl.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/YouMatterCarePackages/tabid/1141230/Default.a
- You can also help with individual care package items. Things like snacks, puzzles, cleaning supplies, even toilet paper (when it's available!) Click here to help with care packages.
 - https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1KDKVLKRBGIP/ref=smi_cl_wl_rd_cl

Seminole County Public Schools

SCPS is asking for food donations to help stock its food pantries for students and their families. Individuals and organizations can drop-off donations to each individual school's Front Office. Please call ahead to inform the school that you will be making a delivery!

Drop-off times are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Here is the Food Drive Shopping List: https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/core/fileparse.php/1426/urlt/Food-Drive-Shopping-List.pdf
- Here is the list of schools and drop-off locations: http://foundationscps.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SCPS-Schools-in-Need-of-Food-Pantry-Items-3.18.2020-v2.pdf
- In addition, the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools is accepting donations for its Families in Need program, which assists the most-vulnerable and fragile students and families.

Click Here to Donate.

Harvest Time International - Sanford

Harvest Time's Community Hope Centers remain open with adjusted hours to serve those in need in our community. For a full list of product donations needed, visit: https://www.harvesttime.org/donate.html

Hope Helps Inc. - Oviedo

Hope Helps is in great need of help to stock its food pantry. In addition to items listed, funding is always needed to support its mission to keep families in their homes.

https://www.hopehelps.org/hopes-current-needs/

The Sharing Center - Longwood

Join The Sharing Center's Virtual Pantry Drive and help stock the pantry with urgently needed food, cleaning supplies, and other essentials.

https://secure.ggiv.com/event/virtualpantrydrive/store/