



DCF COVID-19 Daily Update Supporting Children, Families and Staff

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GIVING TUESDAY - WE CAN ALL PLAY A PART!

Giving Tuesday is now a global day of giving and unity as a response to the unprecedented needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We can all play a part in assisting our family members, neighbors, health care professionals and other individuals by small acts of generosity. We may never meet these individuals and families we assist, and perhaps they may never know our name, yet we have made their lives a little better.

Today, Connecticut organizations are prepared to accept not just monetary donations but offers from those who wish to volunteer their time and energy across our state.



Below is a list of a few websites you can access to learn more information and determine where you would like to focus your efforts:

- 1) Governor Ned Lamont has established a website for medical and non-medical volunteers: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Information-For/Volunteers>
- 2) The Department of Children and Families COVID-19 website has supports for families and community organizations who are accepting donations: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/COVID-19/COVID-19>.
- 3) Food insecurity remains a primary source of stress for families. It is also most frequent link visited on the DCF website and a direct link to those supports can be accessed here: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/COVID-19/Food>
- 4) Foodshare organizes the feeding of thousands of families in Connecticut. You can both provide financial assistance and volunteer to assist with food distribution: <https://foodshare.volunteerhub.com/>
- 5) The Diaper Bank provides diapers to low-income families across the state and volunteers can access this website: <http://www.thediaperbank.org/volunteer-form/>
- 6) The American Red Cross is experiencing blood shortages. You can go to your nearest collection site, by appointment, to donate blood. Visit this link for available opportunities: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill