



Making a difference. Right here at home.



Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services Newsletter May, 2020

Greetings!

The last several weeks have been emotional and trying for most of us as we each attempt to adjust to our new normal. I am inspired by the goodness in people and the genuine acts of kindness that I see everyday. At CRS we have received an outpouring of support. Generous donors drop off pantry items, monetary donations and even masks that we are distributing to our clients! Groups are holding food drives that have kept our pantry full and volunteers are stepping up to help process pantry donations and deliver groceries to people who cannot leave their homes. These gestures give me faith that we are weathering this storm while looking out for the most vulnerable among us.

We are continuing to provide pantry items and financial assistance to our clients while practicing protocols and procedures with the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, donors and clients as our top priority.

Groceries: We will continue to offer curbside, no contact grocery pick-up as well as delivery service to those who cannot leave their homes.

Financial assistance: We will conduct all requests for financial assistance over the phone.

Pantry donations: All pantry donations will continue to be received at our back door and will be kept in the storage area for a minimum of three days before being processed. Donations can be dropped off during regular business hours, Monday - Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

This crisis has revealed a great deal about who we are as a community and I'm moved by your continued support. On behalf of the Board, staff and especially the families that we serve, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Pam Ohradzansky
Executive Director



CRS is assisting the cities and school districts of Avon and Avon Lake in an effort to support our local healthcare workers that are working tirelessly to protect our residents. The COVID-19 Heroes Fund has been created to support the front line workers at The Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals and MercyHealth.

There are three ways that you can give to the Heroes Fund:

- Purchase a gift card from local Avon and Avon Lake restaurants and donate it to the Heroes Fund (This is a great way to support our local restaurants too!)
- Donate Personal Protective Equipment
- Make a monetary donation to the Heroes Fund

[Click here for the Heroes Fund flyer and Donation Form](#)

Donations can be dropped off at the following places:

- Avon City Hall - 36080 Chester Rd, Avon, OH 44011
- Avon Lake City Hall - 150 Avon Belden Rd, Avon Lake, OH 44012
- Community Resource Services - 33479 Lake Rd. Suite C, Avon Lake, OH 44012
- Cleveland Clinic - 33300 Cleveland Clinic Blvd, Avon, OH 44011
- Mercy Health - 1813 Nagel Rd. Suite 500, Avon, OH 44011
- University Hospitals - 29000 Center Ridge Road Westlake, OH 44145 at the main lobby

For more information about making your gift card or monetary donation, contact:

- Cleveland Clinic Email: giving@ccf.org
- MercyHealth Call: (800) 999-2744
- University Hospitals Email: UHGiving@UHhospitals.org

If you have any additional questions, contact Pam Fechter at pfechter@cityofavon.com or Ted Esborn at

Please donate by May 8, 2020. Thank you!



COMMUNITY THANKS

CRS has truly been blessed with many donations of non-perishable items for our food pantry.

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations: Avenbury Ladies of the Lake,

Avon Brewing Company, Avon Garden Club, Avon Lake Garden Club, Avon Lake High School, Avon Lake Library, Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Caslon Restaurant, Christ Lutheran Church, CVS-Avon Lake, Domino's Pizza-Avon Lake, Eastview Elementary School, Equine Essentials, Holy Spirit Church, Novotny Catering, Primrose School of Westlake, Redwood Elementary School, St. Joseph Parish, Trader Joe's and Whittguard Security.

Very special thanks to Cathy Fox for making dozens and dozens of masks for the staff, volunteers and our clients. Also, THANK YOU to the Avon Lake Boat Club and the Avon/Avon Lake Republican Club for organizing recent food drives. They both collected thousands of pounds of food to help keep our pantry stocked!

We are so very grateful for all of the donations! Thank you for making a difference, right here at home!



Please save the date for the annual Hooks for Hunger Charity Walleye Tournament! This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

The day will include the fishing tournament, dinner, an awards presentation and raffles. All proceeds raised will go directly to CRS.

For more information, contact Ed Moran at 440-930-4161 or emoran@avonlake.org.

Charity Ball Photos

To see all the photos taken at the 2020 Charity Ball, click on the following link:

www.crscharityball.shutterfly.com

Enjoy!

Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services

Our Mission: Community Resource Services is a responsive, community-based organization whose mission is to diminish the effects of poverty in Avon and Avon Lake. We provide basic needs assistance and individualized resource and referral services in a compassionate and confidential manner.

[CRS Website](http://www.crs.org)