

MAY 2020

PERSPECTIVE

FROM THE FRONTLINES

From Our Executive Director, Ed Hosack

GOD USED IT FOR GOOD



Our daughter told us for the first time, she prepared a holiday meal and her entire family sat down together to enjoy it; even her teenager was present.

During this time of national response, parents have been at home with their kids. Kids are teaching parents how to use virtual meeting technology and grandparents how to use Netflix. Parents are teaching kids how to "carry the one". (old math)

Many are respectfully staying at home, praying for our leaders, calling a relative, rediscovering the value of porch conversation or the joy of contributing financially to help others in need.

Some of us found out who our neighbors are. (There is still time for that). We are reminded how much we need each other. Who hasn't visited the grocery store or home improvement store and enjoyed experiencing community?

We all have an appreciation for our doctors and nurses. Because of how we perceive them, we are not surprised they are risking their lives for us. We hold them in the same esteem as we do our first responders. Today, for me, that respected group includes the grocery cashier, the girl at the drive thru, the guy that fixed my commode, the men who hauled off all that brush I created while staying at home and the volunteer who made sure that children had something to eat.

Just when it seemed that our society had

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EXPERTS IN HOUSING RELIEF

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reached the point of self-absorption with our house, our retirement, our church we were awakened by real struggle in our community. "Our" became a much bigger word.

I credit every one of you who has been stirred by the current threat to our community. You are the ones who stayed at your post, who ran toward the crisis to help in whatever way you can. You are the heroes that will see us through to a better day.

You may transition back to your normal role in our community, but now we know who you really are. Thank you!



Thank you, Pinnacle Financial Partners, for helping us navigate the Paycheck Protection Program.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Lord, please hear
a mother's prayer.
Keep my family in Your care.
Help me know what I can do
to guard and guide them
all life through.
Most of all, please let me be
a blessing to my family.
A gentle word,
a caring friend,
a source of love
that has no end.

I LOVE MY CITY 2020



I Love My City means loving our COMMUNITY, our NEIGHBORS, even a perfect STRANGER. It's an ATTITUDE we CHOOSE.

It's what makes our community special! It's a way of life for a community, one that benefits everyone. Let's make "I Love My City" OUR DECISION for 2020.

Individuals and groups can do simple acts of service for others (while remaining

supportive of the social restrictions set in place), Then share them on social media with #ILMC2020.



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MISSION 9:38

"Our community is providing us with the manpower and resources to keep programs open. Our constant prayer is that God will keep us well, staff and volunteers, so that we can stay on task serving our community."

- Ed Hosack, Executive Director of CCM

Then He said to His disciples; "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field." Matt. 9:37-38

CCM has an IMMEDIATE NEED for volunteers willing to make a shopping trip for us to purchase items on CCM's needs list. Visit our website for details.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Families with children who are homeless find safety, encouragement, and a renewed hope in a supervised living environment to stop the cycle of loss in their lives.

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN HOME

Single mothers with children can gain stability, discover the plan for their future, and pursue their goals in a supportive living environment.

TEACHING HOUSE

One and two-parent families, senior adults, and other adult individuals work toward sustainability, financial, and housing independence in a single family residential living environment with the benefit of access to a variety of helpful services.

DID YOU KNOW?

COVID-19 RELIEF: MONTH ONE

GROCERY HELP

36% more households
26% first-time requests
44% children
6% seniors

FINANCIAL HELP

109 applications
64% first-time requests
\$38,775 rent assistance

The American Consumer Survey Shows The Largest Demographics Living In Poverty In Cabarrus County Are:

#1 - Females 25-34
#2 - Females 18-24
#3 - Females 35-44

Poverty statistics are a factor of household income and family size. It is easy to conclude: the face of poverty and homelessness in our community is a single mother and her children.



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