May 20, 2020

Dear Partners,

We hope you are doing well, and appreciating these warmer days! As parts of our economy start to slowly reopen, we want to share some resources we’ve been using that you might also find to be helpful:

- **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool** helps business owners know if their business is eligible to reopen and outlines the public health and safety standards businesses must comply with. Information on this page is continuously updated, and we’re checking it often.

- **Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce** is sharing resources to help businesses make informed decisions and undertake responsible, fact-based planning for continuity during the pandemic and as businesses prepare to re-open. Visit the resource page [here](#).


- **Empire State Development** has posted frequently asked questions on how the New York Forward re-opening plan impacts businesses.

In addition, we’ve teamed up with **WXXI** to support educational programming related to COVID-19. Be sure to tune in to the WXXI Live Forum: **Restarting the Economy** at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 21.

The Live Forum features industry leaders and business owners who will answer questions about the guidelines for reopening the region, discuss the different phases of process, and talk about how local businesses are being impacted by the pandemic.

The Forum will re-air throughout the weekend and the video will be available on WXXI’s website as well.

We’re enjoying every opportunity that we’ve had to connect with you during this difficult time. Please continue to stay in touch, and let us know if there’s a resource that we might be able to help you locate, or if there’s something that you’ve found helpful that you’d like to share with us.

With Gratitude,
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- NEW: The Urban League of Rochester has launched its $100,000 small business stabilization fund provided by the KeyBank Business Boost & Build Program. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 22. Click here for more information.

- Federal, State, and Local Financial Assistance compiled by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- COVID-19 Related Funding Compiled by GrantStation

- Council on Foundations’ list of Global Response Funds

- Greater Rochester Health Foundation Resource Page

- Community Crisis Fund activated by the United Way and Rochester Area Community Foundation

- Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for its Statewide Grants Program as well as proposals for projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOURCES

GrantSpace by Candid offers free training and self-service tools and resources to help nonprofits write successful grant applications and build strong, sustainable organizations. Training topics include Introduction to Finding Grants, Introduction to Proposal Writing, Diversity and Inclusion: Walking the Talk, and more.

During the COVID-19 crisis, income-eligible essential workers in Monroe, Livingston and Wayne County may apply to Child Care Council Inc. for scholarships to pay the full cost of child care. Learn more here.

Visit 211 Lifeline or contact 2-1-1 either by phone or via text (898-211) for food assistance in the Finger Lakes Region.

The United Way of Greater Rochester volunteer and in-kind response portal allows agencies to post needs and helps volunteers find in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities.

Causewave Community Partners is offering free virtual consultations for nonprofits in the Greater Rochester to help with their COVID-19 planning and response. Topics may cover messaging to donors, what to do about event cancellations, and a number of HR, finance and other needs. Click here to schedule a meeting.

The Mental Health Association of Rochester/Monroe County’s webpage lists local and national resources (including video chats) to support those who are feeling anxious or overwhelmed.

Visit the Rural Health Information Hub for resources, events and COVID-19 news related to rural communities.

Toolkit with advice on how to respond to COVID-19 from the Chronicle of Philanthropy

County Health Departments:

- Genesee
- Livingston
- Monroe
- Ontario
- Orleans
- Seneca
- Wayne
- Wyoming
- Yates

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT
Equity & U Series by the Urban League

The Urban League of Rochester continues to offer virtual events and learning opportunities during the pandemic through its Equity and U series, every Thursday at 2 p.m. via Facebook.

This week's presentation features Meaghan de Chateauvieux, President & CEO of Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester who will speak about domestic violence which has increased since the New York State on Pause started. Urban League staff will also speak about child protective services.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Behavioral Health Resource Guide

We're passing along a new, comprehensive list of behavioral health resources created by Linda Alpert Gillis at Pediatric Behavioral Health and Wellness at the University of Rochester.

This list is for anyone working with youth and families on behavioral health challenges during the COVID-19 crisis. Download the resource by clicking on the button below:

WAYS TO HELP

Mask Makers Needed

The United Way of Ontario County is asking those who are willing to make and donate face coverings to contact Kari Buch by email to let them know.

Face coverings may be dropped off in sealed plastic bags at two locations: Goodwill at Eastview Mall, 34 Eastview Mall in Victor; or at the United Way of Ontario County, 5297 Parkside Dr. in Canandaigua -- rear building 400, in the box located in the vestibule of the main entrance.

JOIN OUR TEAM!
We seek to effect change in health outcomes and disparities shaped by inequitable policies, systems, and environments, with values centered in equity, stewardship, partnership, innovation, and integrity.

We're seeking a Finance and Grants Manager to join our dedicated team as we serve diverse communities and work with dynamic partners to help improve health outcomes in our nine-county region.

To learn more about this opportunity, click here.

The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.