

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Southern Arizona Jewish community,

Our community events may be cancelled, but we are as busy as ever – organizing and advancing critical efforts to meet growing needs in our community. The spread of COVID-19 has impacted us all. Those in need are looking for support and those who are able to help are looking for ways in which to do so. We are here to provide resources and opportunities to join together with the community to be a force for good during these challenging times.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES TARGETED TO JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- We are working diligently with [Jewish Family and Children's Services of Southern Arizona \(JFCS\)](#) to expand our community's Jewish Emergency Financial Assistance program. All JFCS services are being provided remotely, either by phone or through teleconferencing.
 - **Jewish Emergency Financial Assistance** provides food cards, medical assistance, and other basic provisions for Jewish people and families in need.
 - **Jewish Elder Access** connects seniors 60+ to the services and support they need.
 - JFCS also offers case management, resource referral, and assistance navigating benefits.
 - **If you or someone you know needs help, please call JFCS Monday through Friday 9 am to 4 pm at (520) 795-0300.**

SUPPORTING RESOURCES FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- Jewish Federation & Jewish Community Foundation together with several local synagogues invest in the work of [Interfaith Community Services \(ICS\)](#).
 - ICS offers **emergency financial assistance** to all community members in need. It has two permanent food banks and a mobile food pantry.
 - ICS provides **essential services for senior and disabled adults** (pre-registration is required) including transportation to the doctor or grocery store, shopping for seniors, mobile meals, and friendly phoning.
 - **If you or someone you know needs help, contact them Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm at (520) 297-6049.** To avoid calling at their busiest time, ICS is best reached after 10 am or visit their website at icstucson.org.
- [Free Loan at the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona](#) is an interest-free, non-sectarian, non-profit organization offering interest-free loans for those in need.
 - Qualified applicants can receive a loan up to a maximum of \$5,000 with the appropriate guarantor.
 - **If you or someone you know needs help, call (520) 297-5360 or yana@thefreeloan.org.**
- [Virtual J Community](#) is a project created by the Tucson J to keep our community connected through a virtual community online platform.
 - **Visit the Virtual J Community at tucsonjcc.org/virtual-community** to find activities to do with children, Jewish texts and resources, Early Childhood Education tools, recipes, online workouts and more.

YOUR DONATION POWERS OUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona are engaging our donors, volunteers, and partners to support the critical and immediate needs of the most vulnerable among us.

- Together with your help we will build our **Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund**. This fund provides emergency financial assistance and meets other critical needs for individuals, families, and the agencies who serve them.
- Circumstances change quickly, and with your help today, we strengthen our capacity to respond rapidly to the growing challenges facing us during this pandemic.
- **Donate online at jfsa.org/pandemicrelief, or send a check to 3718 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718. For more information call Fran Katz at (520) 647-8472 or Brenda Landau at (520) 647-8427.**

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

- The Federation & Jewish Community Foundation are organizing volunteers to **provide social connections for isolated community members**.
 - By its very nature, social distancing is isolating. Join us to reach out to isolated community members and provide video and phone companionship.
 - **For more information or to volunteer, contact the Jewish Community Concierge Carol Sack at concierge@jewishtucson.org or at (520) 647-8446.**
 - If you or someone you know needs companionship, please call or email Carol Sack.
- Interfaith Community Services (ICS) is looking for volunteers immediately to assist with its food bank and other key roles providing service to the community. **Contact Tori Carlson-Foszcz, ICS Volunteer Services Manager, at tcarlson@icstucson.org to get involved.**

At the Jewish Community Foundation and the Jewish Federation, we lift our community, forge our collective impact, and care for those who need it most. During this complex and trying time, we embrace solidarity, bring love, spread hope, and demonstrate kindness in the face of the global pandemic.

Wishing you strength and health,

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