

Dear <<first name>>,

***I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe.***

In response to the COVID-19 economic fall-out, including historic job losses in the last few two weeks, **Neighborhood House has created a comprehensive vision for supporting vulnerable community members, whom we know will be disproportionately affected by the crisis.** To keep the community safe, healthy and connected to vital resources, **we have adopted innovative service delivery methods**, and realigned existing staff to mount a strategic and rapid response to what promises to be a catastrophic and ongoing disruption.

Using phones and a range of online tools, **our staff and volunteers are reaching out** to our program users, conducting hundreds of phone **wellness checks** and **arranging video-conference bingo** for seniors, and providing online and phone **learning opportunities** for kids. Two weeks ago, **we launched a mobile food pantry to deliver “no contact” food boxes that will allow us to double or triple the number of hungry households we assist to respond to the growing need.**

**To support our in-depth crisis response vision**, Neighborhood House is launching the **Neighbor to Neighbor COVID-19 Response Campaign, which aims to raise \$100,000 by May 1.** Our ability to serve the community and adapt to changing needs is only possible with your support.

**Your gift will help provide:**

- **Stability and emotional support** during this fear-filled time **for our school aged children.** Food security for all neighbors who need it.
- **Life-saving connection for all seniors** whose health and wellness may be negatively impacted by social isolation.
- Uninterrupted **equitable access to education for our preschoolers.**
- **Parenting support for families coping with stress** who may be at-risk for abuse

**We know our vision will contribute directly to the health and well being of our community during this crisis...and we need your help to achieve it.** Since the advent of this crisis, we have been inspired by community members stepping forward to help, and we are confident in the power of our community to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Please give as generously as you can at this time of unprecedented social and economic uncertainty.

**Can we count on you to give, *neighbor to neighbor*?**

Sincerely,



Chris Chiacchierini  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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