

THE ARK: COVID-19 IMPACT

MEETING BASIC NEEDS DURING COVID-19



\$27,771 in Emergency Financial Assistance

Since March 13, The Ark has provided over \$27,000 in housing and utility assistance to stabilize local workers affected by COVID-19. Assistance provided helps stabilize working families directly affected by a loss of income due to COVID-19.

67 Families Stabilized



Due to COVID-19, requests for assistance has doubled. 86% of the requests we have received are from neighbors who have not accessed Ark services in the past. The Ark continues to remain on the front line to assist neighbors in financial crisis.

Meet Lisa

Like most of the neighbors we have served during this time, Lisa was working full-time prior to state mandated closures. When income stopped coming in, Lisa was unable to meet all of her bills. The Ark was able to step in and assist Lisa with her rent.

"Due to COVID-19, I was out of work and had gotten behind on bills. The Ark help me pay my rent so that I could now not worry or stress how I would pay"



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING COVID-19



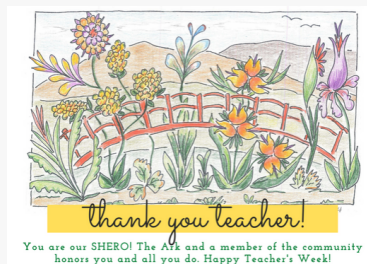
Donations to COVID-19 Frontline Assistance Fund

Since March 13, the Athens community has generously responded to The Ark's call for support. Our Covid-19 Frontline Assistance Fund has received donations that enable us to provide assistance through the summer months.

ark SHERO 2020

Ark SHERO 2020 Event Honors Teachers, Nurses, and Mothers Throughout the Month of May

COVID-19 meant that our traditional Adopt-a-Mom event could not safely occur, so in its place this year, The Ark launched Ark SHERO 2020, to let the moms, teachers, and nurses in our community know how loved and appreciated they are. Mailed cards or e-cards are sent to either a specific SHERO in one's life, or cards are donated to Ark single mothers, isolated patients in nursing homes or hospice care, nurses in hospitals and nursing homes, and local teachers...each for a donation of \$10. As of mid-May, over \$2300 has been raised to benefit The Ark.



Thank you for supporting your neighbors



"We are forever grateful for what The Ark and community are doing at this time especially to assist any and all!!"

Felicia contacted the Ark in March because she had been laid off from her job at one of the national grocery chains due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Usually able to just meet her bills, the sudden and unexpected job loss created a crisis for her. Felicia needed help with her rent for April and The Ark was able to meet her need.



"Melissa "is and extremely hardworking woman...in need of rental assistance." -her landlord

Melissa contacted The Ark after a local college informed her that her paid internship would be suspended due to school closures for the COVID-19 crisis. Her fiance's job was also impacted: his job cut hours by 50%. They came to The Ark seeking help with their rent and power bill.

The Ark assisted with both, helping to ensure that this young couple doesn't go into serious debt during this emergency.



"If it weren't for places like The Ark, I would be so stressed."

Stacey is a server at a national chain restaurant in Athens that closed its dine-in service due to the coronavirus outbreak. Her hourly wages and tips enabled her to survive paycheck to paycheck, but in the wake of losing her income, she was worried about making her rent and had been told that unemployment benefits could take over 2 weeks. She received a pledge towards her rent that will keep her current until those benefits come in.