



COVID-19

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Community Empowerment Association

Community Empowerment Association (CEA), Inc. was organized by community activist T. Rashad Byrdsong in 1993 in an effort to reduce and prevent violence in the Homewood-Brushton area of Pittsburgh. CEA's mission is to restore, reclaim and transform distressed communities through strategic planning, collaboration, advocacy, education and mobilization. CEA seeks to develop the knowledge, skill, leadership and influence that will enable its participants, families, and the community to live healthy secure, fruitful, and productive lives. Since its inception in 1993, CEA has been tirelessly serving thousands of disadvantaged and minority families throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area and has served over 25,000 individuals, youth and families residing in 48 neighborhoods, enrolled in 74 schools and 9 school districts within Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

Emergency Food and Nutritional Distribution Center

Community Empowerment Association is taking serious action against COVID-19. Our community and families have always been at the forefront of our mission, more so during these unprecedented times.

CEA has implemented a COVID-19 Emergency Food and Nutritional Distribution Center. We are looking for volunteers to assist In Its bimonthly Food First Program bu unloading trucks, sorting and packaging food for distribution, traffic controlling/greeters, handing out packages to drive-ups and walk-ins, and drivers for delivering to priority citizens.

If you are interested In volunteering, please complete the volunteer form on our website and a CEA staff member will contact you for further details and instructions.



Partners and Donors

“On behalf of the President and Staff of CEA, we would like to thank all our community partners who have donated time, money, food and essential supplies.

Your contribution provides nutritional food and essential supplies to the citizens of Homewood and the surrounding neighborhoods during these unprecedented times. Without your help, none of this would have been possible. It takes a village!”

- Brother Rashad

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Laptop Donation

How CEA is assisting our youth and families...

Our youth has been impacted by COVID-19 tremendously in the academic department. Our youth are experiencing a traumatic change in the way education is facilitated this school year. We are changing from in-person learning to an all virtual experience. Pittsburgh Public Schools have been working diligently to provide tech services and support for youth and families, but they can't do it alone.

CEA received a generous donation of laptops from Neighborhood Allies to distribute to our youth. CEA provided almost 50 laptops to assist with online/virtual learning. A special privilege of this donation allows our youth to keep the laptops for an unlimited duration.

Thank you to our donors Neighborhood Allies for partnering with us to assist our youth and families during this unprecedented time.

Learning Hub

CEA is now qualified as a Remote Learning Hub for youth...

While guardians are working during the day, our Safe Passage students who are enrolled in school are able to visit our facility for assistance. Our youth will engage in online learning with their school teachers in a supervised, safe, and supportive environment.

During the day we are focused on accommodating the needs of our families by assisting our youth with virtual schooling and academic support. CEA has Educational Tutors available throughout the day to assist youth with their school work.

In the evenings, our facility provides enrichment activities focused on Cultural Enrichment, Art, Multimedia, and Health & Wellness.





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