



Building Communities
Changing Lives

Updates as of 4/6/2020

Resource Center

- All emergency and wrap around services are being responded to via our Covid Response Hotline and email: Phone **978-654-5607**, or email CovidResponseCTI@commteam.org.
- **WIC** is open for those with children under 5 years. We are connecting with all our mothers remotely for nutritional and baby check in appointments.
- **RAFT** funds are available! There is a 30-day look-back so many who did not qualify previously may now qualify. This may be used for rent and mortgages and easily accessed through our COVID phone and email.
- **Entrepreneurship Center** - We are connecting with our small businesses to provide guidance with the SBA loans available. We are doing daily zoom calls at 1pm to answer any questions. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/growatcti/>
- We are connecting with more than 400 **Senior Volunteers** to be sure their needs are being met.
- We are providing thousands of dollars in Market Basket Gift cards for those with **food insecurity**.
- Our **Financial Literacy Center** continues to help prepare tax returns remotely and we are in touch with our **Secure Jobs** participants.
- *"The IRS will be automatically be sending out the **stimulus check** to anyone receiving SSI. They are in the system and will get that check without having to file. Anyone with very low income or no income should use the following IRS site to file in order to get in the system and receive the stimulus check: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/>. This*

address provides links to free applications that provide a step by step tool to e-file even with little to no income." For any client referrals please e-mail Christina Santos Gordon at CSantosGordon@commteam.org. The Financial Education staff are all available to help walk people through the on-line process for anyone who needs assistance.

Early Learning

- We are delivering virtual learning to all of our families, including virtual field trips to explore museums.
- Activity Bags are being delivered to our Early Learning children as well as to the children in the shelters.
- We are working with **Mill City Mentors** who are doing cooking classes for our families via FaceBook Live.
- We are delivering breakfast and lunch to 800 families two times per week and will be increasing to 5 days a week beginning next week.

Housing and Shelters

- We are providing case management and daily meals to our 36 shelter families.
- We are providing distance education and online certification to our **YouthBuild** students and providing food delivery to approximately 21 families.
- The **Youth Opportunity Center** is open M-W-F from 9-12am for youth to have a shower, laundry services and access to food.