## Community Engagement Opportunities during Covid-19

If you'd like to find ways to (safely) connect with the community and find purpose and inspiration through these challenging weeks ahead, please consider volunteering your time to help the agencies that are providing much-needed support. There are more opportunities than you might think! Here's what I've got (so far):

**Donation Opportunities:** click the link for a list, or follow this link to "shop" for students at the Refugee Response

## **In-Person Opportunities:**

- 1. Shoes and Clothes for Kids (supporting children in Cleveland with clothes and other needed supplies)
  - a. Contact Liz Robinson: 216-215-8695; <a href="mailto:lrobinson@sc4k.org">lrobinson@sc4k.org</a>
- 2. <u>Cleveland Kids' Book Bank</u> (sorting, packaging, and distributing books to children and institutions in Cleveland)
  - a. Contact Colleen Watt Volunteer Coordinator 216-417-1803; Colleen@kidsbookbank.org
  - b. Sign up directly on their <u>calendar</u>.
- 3. Cleveland Food Bank (sorting and packaging food for distribution to families in Cleveland)
  - a. Contact Matt Jackson: 216-738-2053; mjackson@clevelandfoodbank.org
  - b. Sign up directly on their <u>volunteer portal</u> (you'll have to set up an account if you haven't volunteered before)
- 4. MedWish (sorting and packaging medical supplies for shipment to areas in need)
  - a. Contact Caley Haehn: 216-692-1685; volunteer@medwish.org
  - b. Sign up directly on their volunteer portal (you'll have to set up an account if you haven't volunteered before)
- 5. Urban Farm/Garden Opportunities:
  - Erica Burnett eburnett@famicos.org, Famicos Foundation. 216-217-8546
  - b. Tori Mills, mills@doanbrookpartnership.org, Doan Brook Watershed Partnership 216.325.7781 12200 Fairhill Rd., Suite C-238 Cleveland, OH 44120
  - c. Timothy D. Smith, <a href="mailto:tim@communitygreenhousepartners.org">tim@communitygreenhousepartners.org</a>, <a href="mailto:CommunityGreenhousePartners">Community Greenhouse Partners</a> 216-926-4806 6527 Superior Avenue Cleveland, OH 44103

## Other Opportunities (at home, virtual, etc.)

- 1. Makers for Medics: Using your 3-D printer to make face shields for health care and other essential workers
  - a. Contact Thomas Wong: 21wontho@hawken.edu
- 2. Support University Hospital's drive for home-made masks, food, supplies, and financial support.
  - a. Or contact Keira Oven: 20ovekei@hawken.edu
- 3. Make cards to cheer up kids in the hospital!