

COVID-19: Supporting NYC students in a time of urgent need

The last few weeks offer a painful reminder that the education system sits at the complex intersection of policy, economics, and social justice that often struggles to serve the most vulnerable learners in our community. While remote learning solutions are well-suited to disseminating information at scale, creating new forms of community & identity, and connecting people to others who share their passion, there are immediate needs in our schools which technology has often found difficult to solve. If you'd like to explore community organizations who are at the frontline of New York City's COVID-19 response, please find a few here, and ping us (hannah@usv.com, hanel@usv.com) if there are others we should add to the list. If you have ideas for how technology companies can provide additional support to the ongoing public health crisis, please drop us a note so we can learn more.

- [The New York Foundling](#): One of NYC's oldest and largest child welfare agencies is offering a coordinated COVID response to ensure the City's most vulnerable have access to healthcare, food, and the technology they need to access critical services
- [WinNYC](#): Win focuses on breaking the cycle of homelessness for women and their children in NYC - including getting kids connected to the tech they need to learn
- [Robinhood Foundation](#): Robinhood Relief Fund is providing food, housing, children's services and more in light of the COVID-19 crisis
- [Feeding America](#): COVID-19 Response Fund is a national food- and fund-raising effort to help people facing hunger and the food banks that support them
- [Food Bank for New York City](#): Providing emergency food to vulnerable New Yorkers