

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Focus: HOPE has doubled down in its support for those we serve, knowing that our communities are affected in many ways during this health emergency.

Changes in operations occur based on federal, state, and local guidance, resulting in a need to respond quickly to the needs of our community. With all of our efforts, we stringently adhere to all recommended safety guidelines.

Food for Seniors

Each month, over 42,000 seniors across four counties rely on food from Focus: HOPE to supplement their grocery budgets. We rely on hundreds of monthly volunteer hours to assemble food packages for low-income seniors and deliver food to homebound older adults.

We are making sure that seniors do not go hungry during the crisis through contactless pickup and delivery methods. With local partners, we are also distributing fresh food, bottled water, and face masks to community members.

As part of the Connected Seniors initiative, we distributed tablets to seniors to enable connection to health and social resources.

7,423	Newly Enrolled Seniors
5,373	Crisis Response Volunteers
<i>Additional Community Distributions:</i>	
37,440	Bottles of Water
9,550	Produce & Dairy Boxes
3,618	Tablets Distributed
500,000	Face Masks Distributed

Early Learning & Youth Development

While in-person operations have been shut down, staff are providing students and families with virtual home visits, during which they provide educational activities as well as wraparound support services, including coordination to partner organizations for emergency relief.

We are also providing basic needs support, including baby essentials packages and food boxes, through coordination with organizational partners including Higher Hopes and Gleaners.

Thanks to generous community partners, we were able to provide holiday support to many of our Early Learning families.

6,530	Referrals to Emergency Help
5,299	Baby Essential Packages
7,717	Family Food Packages
\$157,260	Retail Value of Baby Packages
\$112,015	Retail Value of Food Packages
41	Families Receiving Holiday Support

Workforce Development & Education

We are conducting fully virtual training and recruiting. WDE Specialists connect with current and prospective students via email or phone to address needs through Focus: HOPE supportive services or connection to partner organizations. WDE is using Microsoft Teams as the meeting platform, providing access to e-books, supplemental online labs through TestOut, and hands-on labs in virtual machines.

We also established an Unemployment Help Line, and provided tech support to Connected Seniors tablet recipients.

49	Students Enrolled in Virtual Training
212	Virtual Training Graduates
186	Unemployment Inquiries Received
1,298	Minutes Tech Support Provided

Advocacy, Equity, and Community Empowerment

We are committed to helping people remain connected, informed, and on track with their educational, economic, and community goals. As a contributor to the COVID313 coalition, we co-hosted weekly virtual town halls to provide reliable, up-to-date information from trusted sources.

We have also partnered with the Family Independence Initiative to provide direct cash assistance to over 550 Detroit households, to help them maintain their economic standing throughout this crisis..

101,028	Virtual Town Hall Viewers
\$244,532	Cash Assistance Distributed

**All figures as of 3/16/20 - 4/2/21*