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MCA's Mission

*To strengthen and inspire
Community Action Agencies to
champion solutions to poverty
and to promote economic
opportunity.*

Announcements

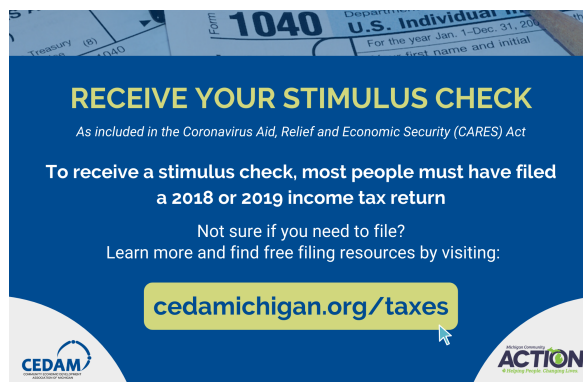
Greatest Needs Funds Update

Together we've raised **\$53,578** so far from 422 donors as of 4/13 at 2 pm for the Michigan Community Action Greatest Needs Fund! Three more days to go for the 100% match from DTE Foundation ending at midnight, April 16th.

It's not too late to email, post or repost on social media about this fundraiser. Does your agency follow Michigan Community Action on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter? Post about your agency and tag us and we will repost your content/stories. Posts that include pictures and captions explaining who, what, where, and why are proven to engage donors and move them to give.

Download the fundraiser tool kit with a sample email and social media graphics and text to post on the top of the MCA's Coronavirus Resources page [here](#).

Stimulus Checks



CEDAM and Michigan Community Action created a simple printable flyer that member agencies can distribute physically or electronically. Click the image above to download the file.

Navigating COVID-19: Paycheck Protection Program

Upcoming Events

Apr 15 -Legislative Committee Meeting

Apr 20 -Leadership Development Institute

May 18 -Finance Committee meeting at Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette.

May 18 - Board of Directors meeting at Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette.

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For a full list of events, visit [MCA's calendar](#).

The Michigan Community Action Update is a new, weekly round-up of important information for members of Michigan Community Action. We may send more frequent updates when important information breaks that impacts the Community Action network. We welcome your input and feedback.

Please send your comments and ideas [here](#).

MCA Officers/Board Members 2019-2021

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In case you missed Michigan Non Profit Association's Navigating COVID-19: Paycheck Protection Program for Nonprofits April 10th webinar. You can download the slides and webinar recording [here](#).

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Continues- Available Through June 30, 2020

The Small Business Association will offer the Paycheck Protection Program will be available through June 30, 2020. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. Other loans are also available. Get the most up to date info [here](#).

CARES Act and Retirement

What does the CARES Act mean for Retirement plan sponsors and participants? Mutual of America answers your questions in this [white paper](#).

Services Seniors 60+ Can Request

Seniors 60+ can request to receive daily wellness calls and delivered meals through a network of Area Agencies on Aging and volunteers. Seniors can sign up through this [link](#) to receive this service.

Webinars/Trainings

April 13 1:00 ET - What's Next in Vulnerability Management. BrightTALK [Webcast](#)

April 15 2:00 PM ET - What the Coronavirus Means for Your Retirement. Offered by Community Action Partnership & Mutual of America. [Register](#)

IT Management Tools for the "New Normal" [Article](#)

Known Defenses Against Ransomware [White Paper](#)

Why Businesses Turn to VPNs for Remote Work [Article](#)

COVID-19

New CDC Guidance for Employers Reflects Evolving Knowledge of Coronavirus

There are updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for cleaning and disinfecting a workplace & community facilities after an employee or someone else is diagnosed with COVID-19. Among the new tips: If a contaminated area has been closed for seven days or more, there's no need for a special cleaning. Get the most up to date info here:

[CDC - Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)

[CDC - Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities](#)

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Was this e-newsletter forwarded to you? Sign up for email updates from Michigan Community Action, your statewide network of anti-poverty agencies [here](#).

USDA Implements Immediate Measures to Help Rural Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19 *Updated April 8, 2020*

WASHINGTON, April 8, 2020 – USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Rural Development will keep our customers, partners, and stakeholders continuously updated as more actions are taken to better serve rural America.

[Read the full announcement](#) to learn more about the opportunities USDA Rural Development is implementing to provide immediate relief to our customers, partners, and stakeholders.

The CDC Now Recommends Cloth Face Covers When in Public

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has [FAQs](#) on their website on Cloth Face Coverings. Here is a [link](#) to their detailed guidance on the use of face coverings and how to make your own face mask. There are also many videos [online](#) how to make your own face covering that do not require sewing.

School Closure

It's been two weeks since Governor Whitmer announced the school closures, here's an overview of that order. [PDF](#)

[Remote Work Resources](#)

[Utilizing Microsoft Teams for meetings? Get their end user training](#)

[TechSoup Resources for Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19](#)

[7 Essential tips for Working at home during the Coronavirus pandemic](#)

We're here for you: We've made a number of changes at MCA so that we can continue to serve you and the network, including closing the physical MCA office and making arrangements for MCA staff to work remotely since March 16, 2020. All direct phone lines, as well as the general line have been forwarded to mobile phones and staff are all accessible by email as well.

Thank you. Be well and stay safe, everyone.

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