

Nicholas House Newsletter, May 2020

Nicholas House partners with the Fulton County Board of Public Health to provide COVID-19 Testing.

As our nation strives to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicholas House is on the front line to ensure that our staff and residents remain safe. We are grateful to the Fulton County Board of Public Health for providing COVID-19 testing to our staff and residents. There were 13 staff members tested, along with 12 families, including approximately 25 children. We are proud to announce that none of those tested had positive results. Nicholas House is also changing its meal service times to stagger family meal times. This initiative is a result of the CDC, State, and Federal guidelines to maintain social distancing. Nicholas House has also, implemented other initiatives such as having volunteers drop-off dinners and staff serving, sanitizing stations at the entrance of the building, having Case Managers do video meetings, having families to shelter in place, providing staff with hand sanitizer, ordering personalized face masks, as well as limiting direct person to person contact when possible. During these uncertain times, Nicholas House is doing all it can to ensure that our family and staff remain safe.

Nicholas House responds to COVID-19

The COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted our nations health and economy. Locally, Nicholas House has responded to the crisis to help keel families safe and address the hardships that families face due to job losses and reduction in hours. Nicholas House has



expanded it Homeless Prevention Team to help facilitate the hundreds of calls for assistance from the community. Nicholas House's Homeless Prevention Services have been extended to include residents throughout metro Atlanta.. Families economically impacted by COVID-19 can receive rental and utility assistance to avoid eviction, foreclosure or utility shut off. Nicholas House also assist families by providing access to food.

Services are available for families only. Eligibility requirements include; at least one child (ages 0-17) per household, families must reside in metro Atlanta (Butts, Cherokee, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Henry or Rockdale County. Families should indicate their City and County of residence as well as the assistance needed. To date, Nicholas House has received hundreds of calls from families seeking assistance. Families should email prevention@nicholashouse.org or call 404 789-5626 for assistance.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Special thanks to Dr. Gayle Daniels and WOC Ministries for preparing lunches for residents of Nicholas House. As families were being displaced from both school and/or work, Dr. Daniels and WOC committed to provide meals to Nicholas House, It has been an honor to have the support of such an amazing group of volunteers. Please note that due to COVID-19 serving protocols have been modified. Please call for further details if interested in these and other volunteer activities.



Contact Rodriquez Foster at 404-622-0793,ext.106 or rfoster@nicholashouse.org for more information and to schedule your dinner service. HURRY! Dates are assigned on a first come basis and requests are filled quickly.

Nicholas House receives \$100,000 from Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund

The Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Funds committee was created by the City of Atlanta in 2017. The fund was created by ordinance 17-O-1080, which was passed after the sale of Turner Field and surrounding properties. The fund supports projects and activities that benefit the Atlanta neighborhoods to include Mechanicsville, Peoplestown, Pittsburgh, Summerhill and the portion



of Grant Park comprised of the named streets in the Turner Field Neighborhoods Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study. Funds are used to fund economic and community development initiatives, such as affordable housing and job training. Nicholas House is proud to have been chosen as a recipient of these funds, and looks forward to helping those who reside in the Atlanta neighborhoods during COVID-19 responses and beyond.

New Life Springs Forth During Pandemic!

Life continues amidst this time of crisis! New Life springs forth at Nicholas House! Nadine Perry was there to assist the new mother and baby. Nadine has sponsored several families at Nicholas House. New mom "Keyshia" was proud to welcome her healthy baby girl last week. We are beyond grateful to report that mom and baby are healthy and safe. We are also incredibly grateful to Nadine Perry and

Women of Worship, who came through with donations of diapers, baby clothes, bassinet, car seat and more to make sure that we could safely welcome her to the world. As is our mission to help families achieve self-sufficiency, we are even more proud to announce that mother and baby have successfully transitioned into a place of their own, and are now sheltering in place, in a home of their own! It truly takes a village and we are so glad to have a loving community that's not only supporting, but also lifting this family up.



Monitor our website for future Open Door Tour Dates