

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER:
Still a “Safe Haven” during Virus Pandemic**

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Like so many local non-profit organization leaders, Shane Carter and team believe that fulfilling the mission of their organization---Lincoln Community Center---is even more important in today’s virus pandemic environment. Though “closed” in compliance with the Ohio Governor’s mandate to do so, Lincoln Community Center (LCC) continues to create ways to help and support the users, the neighborhood and the community which the Center has served for so many years.

Starting immediately, LCC is partnering with Troy City Schools to help distribute bagged breakfast and lunch meals to school-age children who use and depend on LCC. Creating an outside (of LCC building) tented station, the LCC staff will provide the meals, 12 noon – 1 pm, Monday through Friday.

This may lead to expanded food distribution to other groups, like the elderly and needy families. Needed Coronavirus cleaning supplies and health information also are being gathered for targeted distribution.

To keep children busy and engaged during the day, “kid activity bags” which include coloring books, puzzles, board and card games, etc. will be available. These items are being donated by SB Inspection/Renovations, Troy Kiwanis, Frank Harlow Builders, Heath Murray/State Farm, Mike/Erin Twiss/MT/MB, and other anonymous “Angels”. Carrie Kendall, Kendall Marketing, and Erin Scott, Choice Comfort Services, along with Referral Connections, assisted with buying items. Leib and Barb Lurie and the Kids Read Now program are donating grade appropriate books with review sheets along with toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss.

“Our mission is to continue to be a “safe haven” and a “true community center” for everyone, particular in this time of great need for many in our community”, said Carter. “And we are blessed to have businesses and individuals in the community who are stepping up to partner with LCC in this mission.”

He said that Rich Roofing has donated liters of OH20 water to be handed out with each student meal. And Carter also said special thanks goes to Carlos Wood and Donnie Ray Evege (CEO/OH20) for putting together this initiative. As of now, Troy City Schools will not offer breakfast/lunches during the regularly scheduled spring break week of April 6. An anonymous donor has agreed to pay for lunches offered at LCC during that time period.

During the pandemic, Carter says LCC will serve its users, the neighborhood and the community in a different, but still meaningful way. He encourages people to contact LCC with their needs or their ability to help.