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Announcements

Date of BOCC Meeting: April 27, 2020

Request for Board Action:

- 1. Help Us Feed Durham** - The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center has launched a "one-stop" volunteer portal where you can sign up to help nonprofits that are feeding our community right now. This page will be continuously updated with new opportunities to serve Durham. These organizations need your help getting food to our neighbors. Find a ton of food relief volunteer opportunities at <https://tinyurl.com/feeddurham>
- 2. There is Still time for Census 2020** - For the first time ever, the Census can be completed by phone, email, or online. Due to health concerns, the time to complete the Census has been extended to October 31, 2020. Please visit <https://2020census.gov/> to complete the Census today!
- 3. Emergency Operations Center, the Heartbeat for COVID-19 in Durham** - Since early March, Durham County Public Health and the Emergency Management Division of the Office of Emergency Services have combined efforts under the activated Durham County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Their collaborative efforts are focused on response to COVID-19 and the cyber malware attack.

Since the EOC activation, the Board of County Commissioners have issued a Stay-At-Home (SAO) Order and unified the order with the City of Durham on April 3. The EOC is tasked with executing emergency management plans and supporting the SAO. Durham County Department of Public Health has played a critical role in leading the monitoring and preparedness efforts for Durham.

To stay abreast of the COVID-19 situation in Durham and to learn more about how to help reduce the potential spread of this virus, residents are encouraged to visit <https://www.dcopublichealth.org/> or follow the DCoPH's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

- 4. Charter Offers Free WiFi for Eligible Students** - Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have access. To enroll please call 1-844-488-8395.
- 5. Daily Dose of Parenting Wisdom for Welcome Baby** - Cooperative Extension's Welcome Baby Early Childhood Program has started a live chat with parenting experts each day in English and Spanish.

Sessions are everyday Monday - Thursday at 11 a.m. in Spanish and 7 p.m. in English. Interested parents can visit <https://www.facebook.com/welcomebabydurham/> for more information.

6. Durham Pre-K is now accepting ONLINE applications for the 2020-21 School Year - Please visit <https://www.durhamprek.org> on instructions on how to apply.

7. Funding Opportunities/Unemployment Assistance (for independent contractors and self-employed)

a. Salesforce Care Small Business Grants-- Salesforce is partnering with Ureeka to offer eligible small businesses the opportunity to receive a \$10,000 grant to help them through the COVID-19 outbreak. The application period opened today and will close Friday, May 1st at 11:59PM.

[<https://apply.salesforce.ureeka.biz/prog/salesforce_small_business_grants_east/>](https://apply.salesforce.ureeka.biz/prog/salesforce_small_business_grants_east/)

b. Duke Durham Fund Phase 1 - \$1 million for emergency relief - OPEN NOW

Duke is now providing rapid relief grants up to \$5,000 to community-based organizations that are supporting basic needs in Durham. Eligible organizations may complete the short application online at any time, and organizations that received funding in April may reapply for additional funding during round two in May and round three in June. Applications for emergency relief for the community are available at www.community.duke.edu/give

[<http://www.community.duke.edu/give>](http://www.community.duke.edu/give).

c. NEW!!!! Pandemic Unemployment Assistance-NC Independent contractors and self-employed workers out of work because of COVID-19 can apply for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance beginning Friday, April 24th. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance is a federal program for people who are unable to work as a result of COVID-19 and not eligible for regular state unemployment benefits, such as self-employed workers and independent contractors (1099 employees). More information to include how to apply can be found

[<https://des.nc.gov/>](https://des.nc.gov/).