



# WAYNE STATE

## School of Social Work

Amid the pandemic, please know that we are making efforts to live up to our urban mission and social work values and ethics by supporting agencies and community partners with clients who may be challenged by the consequences of self-quarantine or with limited access to necessities. The spread of the Coronavirus means that regular volunteer activities and donation drives to our communities have been suspended. However, there are several agencies in need of assistance. We have organized the following list of needs and we encourage you to engage in these activities in the safest way possible.

Below is a list of organizations previously posted on our Social Work Warriors In Action website, which is updated regularly (<https://socialwork.wayne.edu/socialworkwarriorsinaction>).

### [Coalition on Temporary Shelter \(COTS\)](#)

Programs for self-sufficiency to assist families in reaching their housing, economic, health, education and career goals as they overcome homelessness and break cycle of poverty.

Seeking [monetary donations](#) and supplies from their [Amazon Wish List](#).

### [Lighthouse of Oakland County and South Oakland Shelter](#)

These organizations have joined forces to provide a stronger response to poverty in our community. Our goal is to be 'A New Beacon of Hope' for those in need and provide a larger reach across all southeastern Michigan. By coming together, our agency will be able to provide more services for more people. Our work is centered around building communities that end homelessness and helping people move from crisis toward self-sufficiency.

Seeking [monetary donations](#) to provide individuals needed medical attention, a place to self-quarantine, food, or other emergency needs associated with COVID-19.

### [Oakland Family Services](#)

Oakland Family Services offers a continuum of prevention, education and treatment services that span the human life cycle, enrich the lives of children, strengthen families and rebuild lives. The agency builds brighter futures in our community through adoption, foster care, parenting and child development programs, free preschool for at-risk youth, and counseling services for those of all ages dealing with depression, anxiety, substance use issues, and severe emotional disturbance in youth. Oakland Family Services has four locations across Oakland County, in Pontiac, Berkley and Walled Lake.

[Seeking donations](#)

### [United Way for Southeastern Michigan](#)

United Way for Southeastern Michigan works to mobilize the caring power of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan to improve communities and individual lives in measurable and lasting ways.

[Seeking donations](#)

### [Vista Maria](#)

Help us provide healing and hope to hundreds of women and children who have suffered the effects of abuse, neglect and trauma through residential treatment programs for young women and girls, foster care and adoption, independent living, and advocacy for survivors of human trafficking, and schools.

Seeking [monetary donations](#) to support the full range of work and supplies for residents and clients from their [Amazon Wish List](#).

## **Additional opportunities to help:**

For additional information on the gathering of community needs during COVID-19, we recommend the model D article "[COVID-19: How Detroiters are building community, creating solutions](#)."

You can also support our Social Work Warrior students with a donation to our [Social Work Student Emergency Scholarship Fund](#).

The [State of Michigan](#) has developed a website with volunteer opportunities and ways to give back to fellow Michiganders.