Dear friends,

JewishColumbus’ number one priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

Throughout our history, in times of crisis, we have always answered the call to help those in need. The Columbus Jewish Foundation and the Columbus Jewish Federation, our predecessor organizations, consistently and repeatedly responded with "Hineni" (here I am) when called upon.

Today, as Jewish Columbus, we find ourselves once again saying “Hineni” to help our community members throughout the COVID-19 crisis, its inevitable impact on their lives and our community, as well as any other future crises that may arise.

JewishColumbus takes its leadership role seriously, and our relationships with our agencies and partners enable us to understand what’s happening on the ground.

We know there are community members who need our help now, and we know there will be others who will need our help down the road. They include:

💙 Families who depend on Jewish community support
💙 Elderly members of our community struggling to make ends meet
💙 Holocaust survivors and other senior citizens, dependent on home health aides
💙 Community members who are hourly employees, whose jobs have been on-hold or who no longer can work because schools and childcare facilities are closed

JewishColumbus is launching an emergency campaign to raise needed funds during this time of crisis. If you are in a position to help – at any level you can – your support will enable us to act quickly to help ​those most in need today.

👉 Here are the three ways you can DONATE to our Community Response Fund:

1️⃣ TEXT GiveToColumbus to 44-321 (or)
2️⃣ VISIT [www.GiveToColumbus.org](http://www.GiveToColumbus.org/) to donate (or)
2️⃣ LOGIN and use your Donor Advised Fund to make a distribution or contact jessica@jewishcolumbus.org

💯% of every dollar raised will go to help our most vulnerable community members.

🍽 Our focus right now is making sure there is food on tables.

As the situation changes, so does the level of the need, and the focus could shift over the coming weeks as we learn more from our partner agency experts on the ground. 📫 We will keep you informed.

❗️We are here for you and if you know someone in need, please contact:

🔹 Joel Marcovitch, JewishColumbus CEO at joel@jewishcolumbus.org (or)
🔹 Karen Mozenter, Jewish Family Services CEO at kmozenter@jfscolumbus.org.

Let us be here again for each other and say, “Hineni;” because this is how we make a difference.

With Compassion, ​
JewishColumbus