



Hello Friend,

A few weeks ago, I wrote an [op-ed that was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer](#) explaining the immediate need for a moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent. After receiving funding from Hamilton County to provide relief to those who are behind on their rent and utilities, CAA and our partnering agencies have been flooded with calls, many from tenants who have already had eviction cases filed against them. I was thrilled to hear today that the Center for Disease Control has issued a nationwide eviction moratorium because the pandemic "presents a historic threat to public health."

This moratorium will apply to the following tenants:

- Income is less than \$99,000 (or double that if filing a joint tax return);
- Tenant unable to pay rent due to loss of income or extraordinary out-of-pocket expenses;
- Tenant would become homeless or forced to live in close proximity with others if evicted;
- Tenant will still make partial payments ("using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other non-discretionary expenses.").

The moratorium will last through December 31, 2020. This is a really bold step and should give families who are behind on their rent time to connect with available resources without the fear of being evicted. What we need now though are more resources for rental and utility assistance, so that families don't come out on the other side of the moratorium owing back rent that they cannot afford to pay. Thank you all for your dedication and support.

Best regards,
Mark B. Lawson, Esq.
President/CEO

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Thank You to AT&T

Community Action Agency thanks AT&T for contributing \$21,500 to help with support and recovery for families impacted by COVID-19.

"CAA is grateful for the generous contribution from AT&T and its ongoing recognition of the significant areas of need in our community," said Mark B. Lawson, Esq., President/CEO. "We have seen a drastic increase in families coming to CAA, whether it's due to food insecurity or facing eviction. With this funding, we will have the capacity to provide additional resources to our community."

"We're committed to being there when Ohioans need us most," said Mark Romito, Director of External Affairs for AT&T Ohio. "Right now, that means supporting nonprofits like CAA as they continue to do their great work of helping those in the Cincinnati area get through the significant troubles caused by the pandemic."

The needs are significant and unprecedented in Cincinnati and Hamilton County. In response, AT&T's funding is supporting key focus areas, including child and family care, food security, and general COVID-19 relief.



CARES Rental & Utility Relief Program

Hamilton County Commissioners are teaming up with the Freestore Foodbank, Talbert House, and CAA to help cover the rent and utility costs for eligible Hamilton County families affected by the COVID-10 pandemic to:

- Grants can cover up to \$2,500 or 3 months of rent/utilities
- Low and moderate-income families are eligible (80% of Area Median Income, e.g., a family of 4 with an annual income at or below \$69,050

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Mobile Food Pantry

Through our Mobile Food Pantry, we distribute fruit, vegetables, and baked goods on a first-come, first-served basis. Our next food pantry will be on Tuesday, September 8, 11 am - 1 pm, at The Welcome Project (2936 Colerain Ave.) [Click here](#) a complete list of upcoming food pantries.



Head Start Enrollment

Head Start leaders are working to open our Head Start classrooms safely this Fall. Our decisions and plans will be based on guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and any state direction that is provided in the next several weeks. All parents will receive quick communication regarding our plans.

You can now enroll your child in our Head Start or Early Head Start programs by calling 513-569-4510 or visiting www.cincinnatiheadstart.org.



56th Annual Luncheon

The 56th Annual Luncheon will be held virtually on Friday, October 30 at Noon. Take advantage of this opportunity to engage with our attendees and expand your reach digitally! Become a sponsor today!

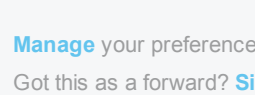


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