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Senior Rainbow Assistance Program News & Updates

Our third quarter for 2020 has been a very exciting time at Senior Rainbow. We have continued to extend our reach within the LGBTQ community through continuing to provide assistance via the Basic Necessities program, received our first grant, and continued to develop our relationships with other LGBTQ focused social service agencies. During these last few months of 2020, we will be conducting presentations to different organizations and their communities as a way to extend our reach.

Senior Rainbow Assistance Program is proud to announce that we are a grant recipient of <u>Chicago</u> <u>Foundation For Women's</u> COVID-19 Community Response Grants. It is a one-time, one-year grant award of \$7500 from the CFW's Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund. This grant will help fund our <u>Basic</u> <u>Necessities Program</u> which provides assistance for utilities and groceries to the LGBTQ seniors and those in the LGBTQ community affected by COVID-19.

Since our program launch earlier this year, we have processed 10 applications for individuals across Chicago and the suburbs. Our 2020 goal is to raise \$10,000 to allow us to be able to process at least 35 applications. We are now within striking distance to our fundraising goal with our 1st grant!!

Visit our Website

Upcoming Events

On Friday, October 2, Senior Rainbow President, Jessica Jonckheere, will be speaking with <u>West</u> <u>Suburban Senior Services</u>. She will discussing our organization and services.

<u>Giving Tuesday</u> is December 01, 2020. It is an annual global generosity movement that unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. We hope you can be part of this event. Chicago Methodist Senior Services

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Spotlight: Friends of Senior Rainbow



Periodically, we will be highlighting some of the different organizations that we have been working with to provide assistance to their community members. For this newsletter, we will focus on Holy Covenant MCC in Brookfield, IL.

Holy Covenant is an open and affirming community of faith. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they offer their services live on <u>Facebook</u> on every Sunday at 10am.

They are a supporter of the <u>Thrive with Pride Cafes</u> which are support and social groups for LGBTQ seniors in associate with AgeOptions. They conduct a monthly <u>Zoom meeting</u> on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Holy Covenant MCC

Bright Funds

Employer Donations via Bright Funds

During the holiday season, many companies will sponsor and provide matching donations to 501(3)(c) organizations like Senior Rainbow Assistance Program via companies such as <u>Bright Funds</u>. Companies such as Morningstar, Assurance, Campbell's and other large organizations use Bright Funds to help employees support nonprofits and causes that they believe in. Senior Rainbow Assistance Program is a Bright Fund organization and can be donated to via their program at <u>Senior Rainbow via Bright Funds</u>

If employer provides a donation match through another network and doesn't sponsor Senior Rainbow Assistance Program, please let us know at <u>info@seniorrainbow.org</u>.