

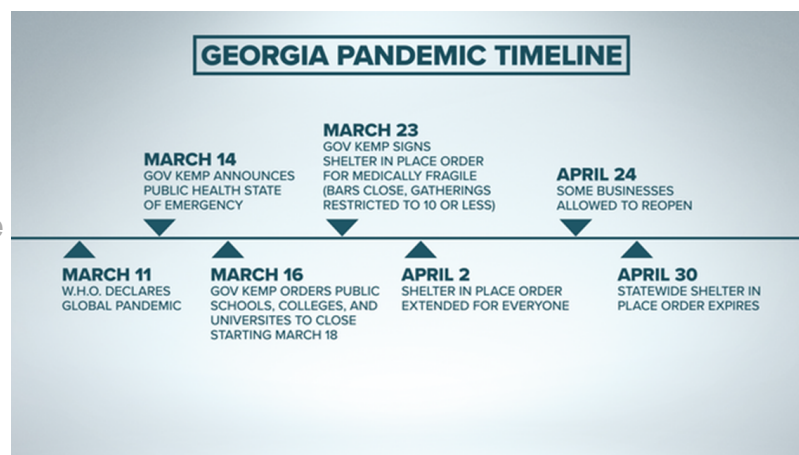


Dear Supporter of Toco Hills Community Alliance,



It was two years ago this week that our whole world changed. The novel coronavirus, COVID 19, became a reality in our lives, and in the life of Toco Hills Community Alliance, and radically altered everything we do here.

On one Thursday in March 2020, we operated like we had for years. Lunch was inside, people accessed the clothes closet



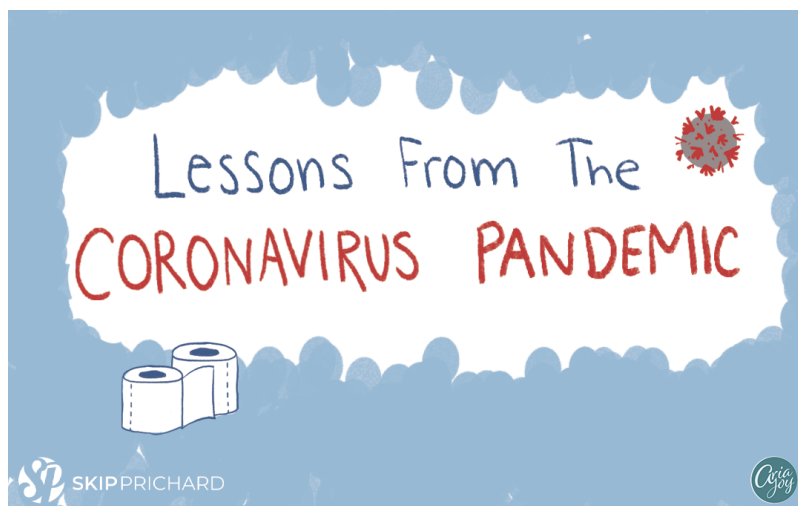
inside and went shopping for their groceries. When we opened the next Tuesday, though, we distributed pre-packed boxes of food to people outside as they drove through or walked up.

And we shared a lot of groceries. With other food pantries closed

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And you all, our community, came through in a big way for us and for all those we served, with food and supplies and funds and support.

Truly, without your support, we could not have done what we did: stay open, pivot quickly to a new model of delivery, serve large numbers of people, and keep everyone as safe as possible.



We have learned much, and adapted further since then. We bought a big tent to keep us out of sun and rain when serving outside, reopened our

kitchen for to-go meals for our unhoused friends, and turned our clothes closet into a pop-up shop outside twice a month.

And we have learned that community is much more than the people you see in person. Community is all of those who come together, in whatever way they can, for the good of all. That means you - every time you give money or food or supplies or your time or even just your good thoughts and intentions.

We need you, and your neighbors need you, for, while much has improved, COVID is still a reality that is with us. And with the cost of gas, food, and rent on the rise, the need is still great.



As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day this week, this Irish word, *meitheal*, about work teams and community spirit seems to fit for how you all support what we do here, as we share

- over 50 pounds of groceries with each family every week
- hot lunches to over 60 of our unhoused friends every week
- well over 1,000 articles of clothing every month
- diapers, wipes, and hygiene kits with those who need them

Thank you for all of your support these last two years, for being part of our *meitheal*, for being neighbors helping neighbors. We look forward to continuing to work with you as part of our team, for the good of our neighborhood.

Speaking of teams, an update on our Hunger Walk Run teams:

IN-PERSON + VIRTUAL

HUNGER WALK RUN

MARCH 6, 2022

Through the efforts of Team THCA and the other five teams that walked for and raised money for Toco Hills Community Alliance, we

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Atlanta Community Food Bank for the year.

Thank you, Team THCA:

Shirley Lee, Robert Fredrick, Laura Yamashita, Lorraine Rooks Cary,
Bob Delorme, Carlson Schaffner, Linda Erhard, Pat Kahn,
Becky Cain, Kristie McMahan, and Suzanne Wilkie.

Special shoutout to Shirley and Robert, who both raised over \$1,000!



And, thank you to the teams from Clairmont Presbyterian Church, Spiritual Living Center of Atlanta, St. Martin Lutheran Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, and the students of the Physical Therapy Department at Emory University.

Once again, the members of this community came together as meitheal - so thank you for continuing to be on our team, for your spirit of community, for responding to needs.

With gratitude,

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If you want to donate or coordinate a drive, here are the most needed items.

The foods we are most in need of are:

- Canned Chicken/Tuna/Meat
- Canned Fruits and/or Applesauce
- Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers

(PLEASE NO GLASS JARS)

We very much need **clean used cloth shopping bags**, as well as plastic.

We currently have a need for these hygiene supplies:

- Size 5,6,7 Diapers
- Face Masks
- Lotion
- Lip Balm

We can also use supplies, such as:

- Packing tape
- Non-Latex Gloves (Medium, Large, XLarge)

Someone is available to take donations at Toco Hills Community Alliance building on Monday through Friday from 9am until noon. Drive up under the white tent and our volunteers will retrieve the items from your car.

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We always need good volunteers who are fully vaccinated (including booster), are physically fit enough to stand, lift, and withstand weather conditions, and who will abide all of the safety precautions, including COVID protocols. If interested, email volunteer@toco hillsalliance.org

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