



SAY YES BUFFALO SERVICE TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Say Yes Buffalo is continuing to provide service to Buffalo students and families. The organization remains on the frontline helping families with basic needs amidst this national pandemic. In each program where students are touched, we are continuing to serve in-person when safely able to do so as well as virtually. The following details the efforts underway by the organization.

SUPPLYING BASIC NEEDS TO FAMILIES, DAILY

Diapers, baby wipes, baby formula, baby food, thermometers, tissue, toilet paper, hand soap, hand sanitizer, napkins, paper towels, Clorox Wipes, bleach, additional cleaning supplies, dish soap, bath soap, body wash, laundry detergent, mop buckets, sponges, wash cloths, bath towels, trash bags, pens, pencils, bottled water

Donations are being accepted to support the basic needs of our families. To donate email ewyckoff@sayyestoeducation.org

SUPPORTING GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Providing laptops to college students as needed due to shift to online classes
- Crafted bylaws ensuring students will not fall into poor academic standing due to CV-19
- Working to ensure students apply for the Say Yes Buffalo scholarship and stay encouraged; 88% of seniors have applied to date!
- Creating video content, similar to Community Schools, to remain engaged with seniors
- Mailings to all graduating seniors who have not applied, followed with phone calls

MENTAL HEALTH AND LEGAL CLINICS OPERATING VIRTUALLY

- Mental Health services now provided via phone and video calls
- Established Legal Clinic call in line for civil legal needs; 716-847-0662 ext. 324

THE ONGOING WORK OF OUR SCHOOL-BASED TEAMS

- Family Support Specialists are providing home based case management services; 20-30 home visits each day
- Delivery of meals and basic needs to families, daily
- Pickup and delivery of educational resources including BPS packets, pens, paper, folders, etc.
- Connecting students with free Wifi to access online curriculum and connect with teachers
- Supplying games and activities for families through a game donation drive with The Treehouse
- Daily contact with families

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND PARENT CENTERS REMAIN AN ANCHOR TO THE COMMUNITY

- Community School & Parent Center teams volunteering to assist at schools
- Delivering meals and basic needs to families, daily
- Developing “Virtual Saturday Academy” activities during school closures
- Working with school district to create social media content to share with community
- Providing desktop computers to families in need
- Wellbeing calls to families
- Planning “Parent Engagement on Demand” virtual courses including employment seeking skills in light of a crisis, growth mindset, etc.

