



March 26, 2020

Naperville 203 believes an exemplary school district is the result of a collaborative partnership among students, staff, parents and community. Our community and business partners need our support during this unprecedented time. Here are some ways our Naperville 203 community can help the greater Naperville community.

### **NEF Kid Booster Crisis Fund**

The Naperville Education Foundation (NEF) has created a Kid Booster Crisis Fund, an emergency fund providing immediate access to financial assistance for students and families in need. The Kid Booster Crisis Fund will help students that have been impacted by COVID-19. Possible use of funding includes:

- Financial support related to housing
- Meals for weekends and evenings
- Transportation needs

This crisis fund will directly help our most at-risk students, including the fifteen percent of Naperville 203's 16,500 students who qualify for free and reduced lunch, and the 1% of our students who are homeless. These are the families in our community who are most vulnerable to the overall impact of this virus.

Donations can be made online at [www.nef203.org/donate](http://www.nef203.org/donate) or via checks made payable to NEF and mailed to NEF, 203 W. Hillside, Naperville, IL 60540. The Naperville Education Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 Illinois corporation. EIN 36-3844402

### **#GreatAmericanTakeOut**

Support our local restaurants by ordering take out! This is a great way to help local restaurants stay open and provide a much needed break from cooking at home.

### **Help First Responders and Healthcare Providers Stay Safe**

The Illinois Department of Public Health is encouraging all outpatient surgical and procedural centers, ambulatory surgery centers, and veterinarians to donate their unused PPE that is not immediately needed to assist healthcare providers, health care facilities and first responders who are on the front line and actively responding to COVID-19.

Any type of healthcare PPE will be welcomed, especially surgical gloves, gowns, goggles, face shields, surgical masks and N-95 respirator masks.

If you are interested in donating specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), please visit [protectdupage.org](http://protectdupage.org).

### **Naperville Area Blood Drives**

COVID-19 is having a major impact on blood donations. Here is a list of Naperville area blood donation dates and locations.

Sunday, March 29, 2020  
NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
08:00 am - 12:00 pm

Inside the FELLOWSHIP HALL  
249 N. BOLINGBROOK ROAD - BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5576680](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5576680)

Wednesday, April 01, 2020  
THE MORTON ARBORETUM  
10:00 am - 03:00 pm  
THE MORTON ARBORETUM THORNHILL EDUCATION CENTER'S  
4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53 LISLE, IL 60532  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5584671](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5584671)

Saturday, April 04, 2020  
URGENT NEED COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE  
09:00 am - 02:00 pm  
ALFRED RUBIN RIVERWALK COMMUNITY ROOM  
305 W JACKSON AVE NAPERVILLE, IL 60540  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5584673](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5584673)

Wednesday, April 08, 2020  
THE MORTON ARBORETUM  
10:00 am - 03:00 pm  
THE MORTON ARBORETUM THORNHILL EDUCATION CENTER'S  
4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53 LISLE, IL 60532  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5584689](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5584689)

Saturday, April 11, 2020  
URGENT NEED COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE  
09:00 am - 02:00 pm  
ALFRED RUBIN RIVERWALK COMMUN COMMUNITY ROOM  
305 W JACKSON AVE NAPERVILLE, IL 60540  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5584691](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5584691)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020  
THE MORTON ARBORETUM  
10:00 am - 03:00 pm  
THE MORTON ARBORETUM THORNHILL EDUCATION CENTER'S  
4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53 LISLE, IL 60532  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5584672](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5584672)

### **360 Youth Services Needed Supplies**

We've updated our list of needs at Cornerstone Group Home and our Transitional Housing Program. These include: hand soap refills and individual bottles; sanitizing wipes and spray; garbage bags; medical masks and gloves; thermometers and probe covers; plastic food containers; and bottle water.

If you can help with any of these items, please call 630-961-2992 ext 1127 to arrange a porch drop off in Naperville. [www.360youthservices.org/donate](http://www.360youthservices.org/donate)

### **Send a Letter to Edward Hospital Healthcare Workers!**

Calling all students! Introducing Task Force Echo. Write a letter, send a greeting card and help boost morale for the front line heroes at Edward Hospital. Address them to "healthcare worker" and help inspire, encourage and motivate this team! More information can be found [here](#).

**#POWERingthru**

[PowerForward DuPage](#) is looking to highlight area residents and businesses who are helping others during these most challenging of times. If you know of anyone or of any organizations doing great things, please consider posting and sharing these positive stories! Perhaps your company has a giving program happening or an exceptional employee? Neighbors helping neighbors? Please post and tag PowerForward DuPage and use the hashtag #POWERingthru.