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Employee Communications **March 26, 2020**

As some of you may have heard, the Senate passed a federal COVID-19 relief bill late last evening. The bill still needs to go through the House of Representatives and be signed off on by President Trump, but it looks like this will happen quickly. Below are some key points that may be beneficial to you and your family:

- Emergency unemployment insurance: \$260 billion. Includes extra 13 weeks of coverage for people who have exhausted existing benefits. This also covers part-time, self-employed, gig economy workers. Weekly benefit increase of up to \$600. This is in addition to the waiting week and requirement to look for work that has already been waived.
- Direct payments to people: One-time payments of \$1,200 per adult, \$2,400 per couple, \$500 per child. Amounts begin phasing out at \$75,000 for individuals, \$150,000 per couple.
- Social programs: Includes \$3.5 billion in grants for child care and early education programs; \$1 billion in grants to help communities address local economic problems; \$900 million in heating, cooling aid for low-income families.

In addition to this new bill, we have also been collecting additional resources and information that may be helpful during this time of need. Please review the attached document to see if anything may be of use to you or your family. As always, if you have any questions or are in need of something we have not given resources on, please let me know and we will try our best to help. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

Employee Resources

- The Learning Lamp's EAP
 - All employees and members in their household are eligible for 6 free sessions
 - Currently these are being offered virtually through Croyle-Nielsen
 - Call 814-266-3196 for Johnstown office or 814-701-2898 for Somerset office to schedule an appointment
- Resources for teachers during this difficult time
 - Teaching Through the Trauma of COVID-19: <https://tolerance.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a70584d3e4f0d3a97e412cdfe&id=47ab4d647f&e=521eececc3>
- United Way Assistance Programs



The mission of The Learning Lamp is to engage all children in the support they need to succeed. The Learning Lamp is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. The official registration and financial information of The Learning Lamp may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania; 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Contacting 2-1-1 for Basic Human Needs



DO YOU NEED LOCAL BASIC HUMAN NEEDS ASSISTANCE?

NOT SURE WHERE TO TURN?

CALL 2-1-1!

TALK TO A LIVE OPERATOR WHO WILL HELP YOU FIND **LOCAL** INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- UTILITY ASSISTANCE • EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
- TRANSPORTATION • FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- FOOD • MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
- DRUG & ALCOHOL SUPPORT/TREATMENT



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Read Return Repeat - Free Library Boxes

Available around the Greater Johnstown area!

If you are someone who may be in need of food, soap, hygiene products, a good book, or possibly clothing, please feel free to visit one of these Read Return Repeat Library Boxes! (Little Red Libraries)

In the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, these locations have been transformed by caring community members to hold more than just literature materials!

Please be kind and only take what you need!



READ RETURN REPEAT LIBRARY BOXES

Now stocked with warm clothes
and food. Books are coming soon.
Find one today at:

- Maple Avenue: Cam Train
Beginnings Parking Lot
Camp Harmony
JC Penney: Ground Floor
The Learning Lamp
JHS
- Johnstown Middle School
Rowburg Park
Westend
- Prospect: St. James Missionary Church
Belmont: Alliance Church
YHCA
- Wilder Community Park
Herho: Behind Bishop McCart

