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PRCC and the COVID-19 Crisis

Faithful to its mission, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center continues to promote vigorous self-reliance in the face of the Covid-19 outbreak. The PRCC has now retooled its efforts to respond to the more immediate needs of a community in crisis. The health disparities that have historically plagued Puerto Rican populations are now exacerbated by the limited mobility and loss of income triggered by this pandemic. Therefore, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center is taking steps to ensure the continuity and the penetration of critical services. To this end, we are also identifying scores of Puerto Rican refugees who fled the devastation of Hurricane Maria and the subsequent earthquakes and are now living in Humboldt Park -- re-traumatized by the immensity of the coronavirus contagion.

While all non-essential services of The PRCC have temporarily closed, a select few remain open. These include the Consuelo Lee Corretjer DayCare Center, so working parents will not be forced to choose between a paycheck and the wellbeing of their children; Vida/SIDA's food pantry for those who are living with HIV; and El Rescate -- the

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permanent housing shelter for homeless LGBTQ youth. Moreover, The PRCC is identifying older members of the community not housed in traditional senior homes as well as homeless individuals residing in Humboldt Park, and will be providing them with hot meals through Nellies' Restaurant.

If you require or have questions about any of the following services, please contact the programs during regular business hours.

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Consuelo Lee Corretjer Day Care
1345 N. Rockwell Ave
Chicago, IL 60622
Tel. [773-342-8023](tel:773-342-8023)
Xochitl Ramírez

El Rescate LGBTQ Homeless Shelter
2703 W. Division Street
Natasha Brown
Tel. [872-829-2662](tel:872-829-2662)

Vida/SIDA and Homeless Pantry Services
2703 W. Division Street
Tel. 773-278-6737
Jesus Hernández Burgos

Senior Citizens and Puerto Rican Evacuees pick up and Home delivered meals
2703 W. Division St