## Neighbors Helping Neighbors | EnVision Centers Deploy Resources During Coronavirus Outbreak

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Bowling Green, Kentucky — The Housing Authority of Bowling Green is using its EnVision Center to serve members of the community during the Coronavirus outbreak. In particular, the mobile grocery store is delivering groceries to folks in the neighborhood so they can practice safe social distancing. Residents who make a purchase of five dollars at the store are given an additional bag of supplies filled with items to help them keep healthy during the outbreak.



The Bowling Green EnVision Center's mobile grocery store delivering food in the community

<u>Lexington, Kentucky:</u> The **Hope EnVision Center** continues to run one of the largest emergency homeless shelters in the state of Kentucky amid the Coronavirus pandemic. "Together, we will get through this trying time and be back to business as usual with as little disruption as possible," said Peter Jackson, HUD's Kentucky Field Office Director. "I am impressed with the coordination and level of service being extended by our EnVision Centers and all of HUD housing providers and program partners in the Commonwealth."





Local residents are served meals at Hope EnVision Center in Lexington, Kentucky

<u>Jacksonville, Florida</u> — The Sulzbacher Center is home to an <u>EnVision Center</u> that provides a variety of services to members of the community who want to enhance their economic potential. During the Coronavirus outbreak, The Players Championship and TPC Sawgrass came together at the Sulzbacher Center to serve meals to the community after the Players Championship event was cut short due to health concerns. "This is Day One of the commissioner telling everyone that we will be accountable," said Players executive director Jared Rice said. "Our commitment to this community is unwavering, as evidence today." Read the <u>full article from the Florida Union-Times</u>.



Individuals preparing meals at the Sulzbacher EnVision Center in Jacksonville, Florida

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<u>Henderson, Kentucky</u> – The Housing Authority of Henderson (HAH) has turned their local EnVision Center into a meal distribution point after schools closed due to the Coronavirus. This service ensures students who rely on school meals have access to food sources during closures. They are working with local food banks to provide a 7-day supply of food for Henderson's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, HAH is partnering with Spectrum to provide free hot spots to residents, allowing children without internet access at home to continue their schoolwork.

## **Background:**

HUD's <u>EnVision Center</u> Demonstration was designed to empower all people to fulfill their potential by providing the tools needed to succeed. EnVision Centers provide communities with centralized hubs for support in the following four pillars: economic empowerment, educational advancement, health and wellness, and character and leadership.

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