

# Neighborhood House



January  
2021 Newsletter

## Highlights from December

*Holiday Crafts & cooking Groups*



## Important Dates

*Story Subline*

January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day-  
Closed

January 18<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day- Closed

## *Client and Caregiver Gifts*



# Notes from our Director

Like all that came before it, the New Year 2021 comes with promise and hope for better times. This is put into sharp relief this year more than others, however, as we reflect on how *deeply* 2020 challenged us, and on the proportionate need for help and healing we have going into 2021. In the spirit of such reflection, I wanted to share a poem that was recently sent my way, as it speaks to a guiding principle as we move forward in community.

With best wishes and warm regards –



The Gates of Hope  
By Victoria Stafford

Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope—  
Not the prudent gates of Optimism,  
Which are somewhat narrower.  
Not the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense;  
Nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness,  
Which creak on shrill and angry hinges  
(People cannot hear us there; they cannot pass through)  
Nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of  
“Everything is gonna’ be all right.”  
But a different, sometimes lonely place,  
The place of truth-telling,  
About your own soul first of all and its condition.  
The place of resistance and defiance,  
The piece of ground from which you see the world  
Both as it is and as it could be  
As it will be;  
The place from which you glimpse not only struggle,  
But the joy of the struggle.  
And we stand there, beckoning and calling,  
Telling people what we are seeing  
Asking people what they see.

## Neighborhood House Resources

<https://www.nhutah.org/familysupport>

## Support Services for Our Clients

Open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, The Family Support Center can assist individuals with finding the appropriate resources to meet their needs and achieve their goals. Among other services, the Center supports its clients with family education classes such as parenting classes, healthy relationships, and financial literacy. In collaboration with other resources available in our society, Neighborhood House is able to offer individual case management services to community members in many different areas. Contact Rocio Torres, our family support center manager via [rocio@nhutah.org](mailto:rocio@nhutah.org) or by phone (801) 363-4593 ext. 129 to schedule an appointment or learn more about the services offered at Neighborhood House Family Support Center



## Utah 211 Rapid Response Fund

**Overview:** The Utah 211 Rapid Response Fund is a confidential financial assistance program created to provide one-time assistance to individuals (or families in some cases) whose stability is threatened or has been disrupted by an unforeseen emergency/crisis situation. The fund relies on a network of select referral agencies to identify candidates that verify their circumstances to determine alignment with the program's defined funding categories and other criteria.

**Funding Eligibility:** Loss of home, domestic abuse, avoiding homelessness, funeral expense, disabled or elderly home repair or basic needs, and elderly, disabled, or disadvantaged health.

### Candidate Eligibility:

<p><b>Individuals with Disabilities:</b> Those whose mobility and/or ability to care for themselves is inhibited by a severe physical disability such as a spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, etc. In addition, people with hearing impairments will be considered.</p>	<p><b>Individuals and Families Leaving an Environment of Domestic Abuse:</b> Individuals or Individuals with children establishing a new household away from domestic abuse.</p>	<p><b>Seniors:</b> Individuals age 65 and older, living on a fixed income with no other means of financial support</p>	<p><b>Economically Disadvantaged Individuals:</b> Those without the financial resources to adequately respond to an emergency/crisis situation. This could either be someone in low-income employment or someone financially overwhelmed from the sudden loss of their home or the death of a family member</p>
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### Funding Exclusions:

- Non-emergency/non-crisis situations
- Long-term situations persisting three to six months or more
- Ongoing support, or situations with needed support projected to extend 90 days
- Pre-existing medical bills
- Health insurance premiums
- Cosmetic surgery
- Outstanding debt (mortgage payments, car payments or insurance, credit card debt, payday loans, rent-to-own contracts, etc.)
- Legal expenses (attorney fees, court costs or fines)
- Education expenses (tuition, books, supplies, fees, room and board)
- Business expenses (any expense associated with a new or existing business venture)
- Disbursements to parties with conflicts of interest, including employees or board members of the Referral Agency or Utah 211, and vendors owned by, or that employ, a member of the recipient's immediate family (either currently or within the past 12 month)

**Contact Information:** to learn more information or to set up a meeting with Sandra Carpio, the 211 Director of Operations, please contact the 211 Administrative Assistant, Whitney Stephens, at [whitney.stephens@uw.org](mailto:whitney.stephens@uw.org).