Ossining Open Door COVID Relief Fund

**About:** The fundraiser was started to provide supplies for low-income families in Westchester county to stop the spread of COVID-19. The initiative was aimed at reducing the transmission rates in the particularly hard-hit Westchester County. Many families aren’t able to afford to miss work or pay medical bills; we aim to provide preventative care to help families in need.

The initiative partnered with Ossining Open Door, a federally funded clinic frequented by low SES individuals. With a GofundMe we raised over 850$ from students and residents of Westchester county to put together care packages with informational pamphlets on COVID. The pamphlets were translated into Spanish as well to help reach the high population of Spanish speakers in Westchester County. The packets were distributed by the staff at Ossining Open Door.

**Points of Contact:**

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**Current Status:** As of (05/01/2020) we have a second round of supplies en route. The pamphlet is being updated with more current and relevant information about COVID-19. Due to the flattening of the curve in Westchester county, we are reaching out to Open Door to gauge their need for supplies as well as reaching out to other organizations (such as the Behavioral health center at Westchester Hospital) to see if they need donations of any extra supplies.

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