



PLANS CHANGE BUT THE MISSION REMAINS

Over the past 7 months the needs of families in our community have changed - so we changed too!

Summer day camps were canceled but we started feeding the hungry. Camping trips were postponed but we are providing full-day distance learning assistance. We are rising to the challenges of this difficult time. We hope you will continue to be a partner in our ongoing ministry.



Even during a pandemic, this was the powerful response when one of our kids was asked, "What is ICI?"

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- **What is the ICI School Days Program?**
- **Continuing to provide food assistance**
- **End of year plans**

ICI SCHOOL DAYS

With the start of the public school year, ICI began hosting full-day distance learning assistance. Jordan Ryan was welcoming students one morning when a mother came by asking how much the ICI School Days program would cost. When she heard participants wouldn't be charged she said, "It's just the first day that's free right?" She could hardly believe the entire program was available to the community without charge. She told us, "I had no idea there was anything out there like this... thank you!"

Parents drop off their children before 8 AM and can pick them up after school. Students and staff maximize safety precautions by utilizing masking, social distancing and entry screening. The kids are spread throughout the rooms and buildings at both of our youth centers. School lunches are provided and ICI team members stand ready to assist students as needed.



Kids also have the option to stay for ICI's regular after school clubs. After a long day of online classes, fun becomes the priority and being loud is okay. Clubs often provide the best opportunity to continue the teaching and mentorship that are so important to the growth of ICI youth.

EVENT CHANGES

Along with program changes, our fundraising has looked different this year. We have been blessed by the continued support of many faithful donors. THANK YOU!

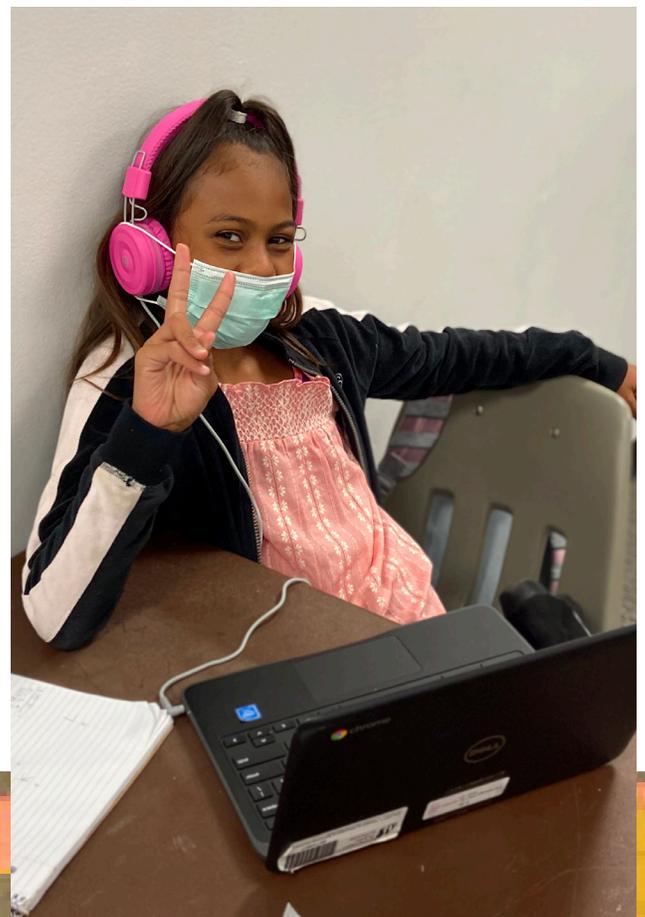
Banquet Replacement: Unfortunately, we haven't been able to hold our charity race or our annual banquet this year. Those events are significant ways that we raise funds and build partners in typical years. We have enclosed a giving card, if you would like to make a special gift to help ICI continue our programs like school days, clubs and food assistance.

Virtual Fundraiser: We are also holding a virtual fundraising event for those that can join. We promise it will be short and informative. We hope you can join and get a closer look at how God has been working.

Monday - Nov 2nd, 7:00pm-7:30pm

**Register using the banner on our homepage
www.icichicago.org or by emailing
contact@innercityimpact.org.**

**The link to join will be provided after
registration.**





Dear Partners,

This is both an update and a letter of thanks. The Emergency Food Assistance Program has been an unexpected blessing to many families in our community. Our mobilization along with many donations of food continue to help our families through devastating circumstances.

*As of this writing, **we have been able to deliver food to families over 1,096 times, accounting for over 5,500 meals.** Along with food, we have been able to help our families connect with others who have provided various types of assistance such as temporary housing or household appliances.*

I can't give enough thanks to the many individuals and churches that banded together to provide for a need and exemplify the generosity of God's people. Please pray that the new contacts and conversations that have sprouted from this program would bear much fruit.

Sincerely,

BJ Bechtel

CEO of ICI

P.S. We are still accepting food donations. If you are interested in providing food for this program, please visit www.icichicago.org/covid19.



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