



## Masks for our Heroes

In our last Covid-19 community update we announced that we would be accepting cloth mask donations. The response from our community has been very positive! Numerous employees have offered their skills and time to make masks to help programs in their area.



This photo was shared by Janesville Program Manager Barbara Vaughn, who has made another 57 masks!

If you are interested in making masks, we have received feedback that sewn masks are preferred. For more information on how to make them [click here!](#) The masks can be distributed to your programs or mailed to our regional or Watertown offices to be sent out to other programs!

## Introducing Fast Pace Medical Staffing



Part of our Strategic Plan for the last few years has challenged CCLS to find ways to diversify our income. State reimbursements to CCLS have done nothing but continue to decline. Each year they ask us to do more with less. Frankly, that's not a very sustainable business strategy. The challenge was to find new revenue streams outside of the state reimbursement system to provide income to sustain the mission of CCLS.

Last summer the CCLS Board of Directors approved the creation of a new company, Fast Pace Medical Staffing (FPMS). This is a temporary staffing firm that supplies RN's, LPN's, CNA's and CBRF Certified employees to the greater Milwaukee area Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities. We hired Francine Carter as our Director of Operations. Francine's decades of experience in the temporary staffing industry was critical to setting up the company.

Last fall we added Cassandra Zacher as our Scheduling Coordinator. She too brought her experiences with other staffing firms and has been instrumental in finding and now implementing new on-line scheduling software.

Recently we added Jailine Dieppa-Ortiz as our Customer Service Coordinator to find employees, interview, credential and orient them.

Fast Pace has exceeded our expectations. Today the team has more than 30 healthcare employees that provide temporary staffing to more than 25 Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living facilities in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Ozaukee counties. They ultimately will provide CCLS with new revenue, independent from the state, to help sustain our CCLS mission.



*Pictured above left to right: Scheduling Coordinator Cassandra Zacher, Director of Operations Francine Carter, Customer Service Coordinator Jailine Dieppa-Ortiz*

## Cooking and Craft Contest Winners

The winners of the Cooking and Craft contest that was announced in the Covid -19 community update are....

For the craft contest the winner is **Program Manager Nicole Heinritz!** She made these awesome tie-dye shirts with her residents!

For the cooking contest the winner is **Heather Chambers!** She shared a photo of a favorite meal of her program, beefy cheese quesadillas!

Thank you to all who sent in photos! Winners will receive a gift card to either Culvers or Walmart. Our next contest will be announced soon!



## CARES Act and Your HSA

On March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act impacting how employees can use and access benefits, including Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), to address COVID-19-related hardships and expenses. In addition to the provisions under the new Act, there are several other changes that have been enacted in response to the pandemic that will affect

your HSA.

Read more [HERE](#)



## Company Covid-19 Resources

A reminder to employees to regularly check the CCLS Covid-19 news tab on our website to keep up to date and learn more about preventative measures and company policy regarding Covid-19.

CCLS COVID-19 News

## Ho-Chunk Supports CCLS Clients in Black River Falls



In March, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls made a donation to CCLS that will allow us to purchase an annual family membership to the Lunda Community Center. This center is currently closed due to the coronavirus. However, when it is safe to re-open the facility, this membership will allow our clients in Black River Falls to have unlimited access to the pool, walking track, and exercise room at the center.

The Ho-Chunk Nation, which owns and operates the Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities in Wisconsin, has donated millions of dollars to nonprofit and community organizations. Thank you, Ho-Chunk Nation, for your support!

*Submitted by Kevin Brown, CCLS Director of Development and Community Engagement*

## Covid-19 and Your Finances



For an insight from Associated Bank about the financial market and how Covid-19 is affecting it, click [here](#).

## Happy Heart Hunt Continues



As some of you may have seen on social media and in the news there is a movement to spread positivity called the Happy Heart Hunt! You are invited to join us in filling your windows to create designs with a heart theme and a positive message. Here's a photo from the Northwestern Region Area Director Janice Olstad in Black River Falls of a decorated program's window!

You can also print and display these coloring pages to show support for other essential workers! A fun craft project for you and your clients! [Click here!](#)

## Nurses Notes: Hand Washing 101

Washing our hands is an important preventative practice to lower the risk of spreading Covid-19. Here are some tips on when to wash your hands while you work. [Click Here](#) to read more!



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