

April's Frontline Heroes

We continue to share inspiring stories of our members' frontline workers and their selfless efforts to lift up people experiencing need in their communities—as a way to raise the visibility of the lifesaving work of Lutheran social ministry.

Our April Frontline Heroes stories reflect the dedicated efforts of Lutheran social ministry to ensure that *everyone* has access to the COVID-19 vaccine—including those who are home bound, experiencing homelessness, living in underserved communities, or residing in independent living. They also showcase the creativity, determination, and partnerships that are hallmarks of Lutheran social ministry.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry partnered with the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and MetroHealth System to fully vaccinate 500 men at its homeless shelter, the largest in Ohio. Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry also worked with healthcare workers to ensure that the second vaccine was received which is challenging for those experiencing unstable housing.

Recognizing the difficulty that homebound older adults and people with disabilities have in getting vaccinated, **Lutheran SeniorLife** along with the Visiting Nurse Association of Western Pennsylvania, hit the road and made house calls to administer the vaccine. They also administered the second vaccine to those who received the first dose in skilled nursing but were subsequently discharged to their home.

Lutheran Services Florida, who operates the Duval Head Start Program with over 1,400 children in Jacksonville, partnered with Agape Family Health to vaccinate the programs' teachers and families. Over 200 people were vaccinated.

Finally, **The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society** and Sanford Health launched mobile health clinics to administer vaccines to older adults living in independent living facilities in South Dakota who were not prioritized early on for the vaccine.

These are only four examples—among many in Lutheran social ministry--of Frontline Heroes finding ways for those with little or no access to receive the life-saving vaccine--and have the opportunity for a brighter future.

Share your Frontline Hero stories with us—so we can shine the light on the inspiring work that you do every day.

In gratitude for all that you do,



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