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Dear Verona Community,

We hope this email finds you and your family healthy and managing as best you can. Verona has always united around each other during challenging times and we have been overwhelmed with the amount of people reaching out to help in any way they can. Our family, friends, neighbors and businesses will continue to be impacted by the Coronavirus as this continues to unfold.

If you are looking to help in some way and are able to, we are encouraging residents to purchase gift cards (online if available) from our local businesses and drop them off or mail them to the Verona Children's Fund at the Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Ave. There will be a drop box in the lobby as to avoid any unnecessary contact with other people. Township of Verona staff will collect and maintain all the gift cards to distribute to those in need. Buying gift cards locally will provide some muchneeded revenue to our local businesses while providing meals and other items to those who need it the most. A list of businesses who are open and offering gift cards is attached. An updated list will also be posted on the Township website at www.VeronaNJ.org.

We also have many people willing to help deliver these gift cards, grocery shop and provide home cooked meals, etc. If you are interested in volunteering some time or services, please email Steven Neale at stneale@veronanj.org so you can be added to a contact list. You will be contacted as the need arises.

Please remember, the measures taken to protect all of us are also causing tremendous strain and uncertainty for many among us. Anything you can do to help keep our community strong and safe is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call the Community Services Office at (973) 857-4830.

Be healthy, be safe and stay home when possible and we will get through this together.

Best regards,

Township Manager