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The following message is sent on behalf of Dr. Nathalie Feldman and the LCOM Cares Service Corp COVID-19 Task Force:

Dear Medical Students,

Thank you for the outpouring of support and offers of help during this challenging time. I know I speak for many of my colleagues in expressing gratitude for your inspiring work and engagement as we navigate COVID-19 preparedness.

With our partners at UVM Medical Center we are currently exploring ways to help coordinate connecting people offering services with health care employees seeking support during this critical time. In that effort, Dean Zehle and I have convened the **LCOM Cares Service Corp- COVID-19 Task Force** (see members listed below).

Many of you have been inquiring about **volunteer opportunities at the hospital**. At this time, those opportunities are currently been prioritized to displaced hospital employees. Please be assured that as soon as student volunteer opportunities at the hospital become available, we will be sure to let you know. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work closely with our UVM Medical Center partners.

In the meantime, we are working on the development of an LCOM medical student website which will list LCOM, hospital and community volunteer opportunities for students.

Some of you have also inquired about providing childcare assistance for hospital employees and we are working with UVM legal counsel to navigate state and university policies, as well as COVID-19 guidelines related to providing childcare services in the state.

While we wait for the website to be up and running, opportunities that you can engage in immediately are in the attached LCOM Cares Service Corp COVID-19 Task Force Opportunities Guide. Please be aware that some opportunities may need to be adjusted to comply with the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order which went into effect at 5pm on March 25, 2020.

We have been inspired by your collaborative spirit and engagement as we all work together to navigate these uncertain times.

Thank you!

Nathalie Feldman, M.D.

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Interested in Volunteering? Here are some opportunities and resources the Task Force has pulled together for your reference:

- [Together We Win: Resources to Support Vermont Communities in Responding to COVID-19](#)
 - Babysitting program sign-up (if you want to babysit or if you are seeking services)
 - Sign up for quarantine delivery
 - Grocery Go Team
 - Mutual Aid sign-ups
 - Share a meal sign-up
 - Food shelf volunteering
- [VTDigger” Guide: How you can help —volunteer or donate during the coronavirus outbreak”](#)
- [VolunteerMatch](#): Help with COVID-19 by Volunteering Remotely | COVID-19 Volunteer Opportunities Looking for Volunteers. This page features virtual volunteer opportunities to aid communities impacted by COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Thousands of volunteers like you are needed daily. Check back often to find ways you can safely help during these difficult times.
- [RedCross Digital Volunteers](#): All work is done online and via social media. Volunteers provide updates to disaster affected areas.
- [“Be My Eyes”](#): A downloadable app. Blind and low-vision folks are able to contact sighted individuals via the app.
- [United Nations Volunteer](#): Organized into issue areas, the UN Volunteer database allows you to choose a volunteer opportunity that matches with your passion and your skill set.
- [Dog Toy Making](#): re-use your old t-shirts
- [Smithsonian Digital Volunteers](#): Transcribe documents and edit Wikipedia pages relevant to the Smithsonian’s Work
- [Resource Library for COVID-19: Large document with info and resources \(not VT specific\)](#)
- [Vermont Peace & Justice Center: Mutual Aid and Other Resources Related to Covid-19](#)
- [Mutual Aid BTV](#)
- [Quarantine Delivery Request \(BTV\)](#)
- [Burlington, VT Volunteer Babysitting Sign Up](#)
- [Local GoFundMe for supplies for vulnerably housed: money is being actively utilized](#)