The color of my skin should not make me a target.

Black lives matter.
COVID-19 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ENROLLMENT:
EMCC and PACE take seriously the responsibility to help our neighbors, and even more so during this crisis. Both organizations have received C-CERF funds to continue and expand their work during this critical time. Together, we have developed a collective strategy and are deploying it as part of the Martindale-Brightwood 7 Initiative (MB7). The working title is the ‘MB Collective Impact Strategies’, and so far these initiatives are meant to address:

1. Financial assistance (utilities, rent, mortgage, connectivity, transportation)  
2. Food/supply access (pantry and home delivery distribution support for vulnerable neighbors)  
3. Virtual case management and Virtual Recovery Support Services and Referrals for those with criminal histories (crisis management, workforce development, substance use services, and mental health and recovery support)  
4. Virtual connection and programming (youth and seniors)  
5. Social enterprise investment for entrepreneurs assisting with crisis mitigation  
6. Neighborhood updates via regular newsletters, sponsored by EMCC and the MB7 Community Voice Network  
7. Agency, community partner assistance referrals

FOOD PANTRIES:

11:00am - 3:00pm, Monday- Friday: Edna Martin Christian Center, 2605 E 25th St., Indianapolis
Families can be served a maximum of once per week and will receive a pre-packed bag of food. State ID is required. For more information, contact Andrea Murphy at amurphy@ednamartinncc.org or call 317-637-3776.

10:00am - 12 noon, Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Overcoming Church Bread of Life Food Pantry, 2203 Columbia Ave, Indianapolis
For more info, call 317-931-8025, or email p.wyatt@overcomingchurch.org. Also Friday 9am-noon, and Thursday evening, 5pm-7pm. For more info, call 317-924-5769.

For a comprehensive list of food pantries: The Indy Hunger Network has a long list of food pantries covering the Central Indiana area. Go to their website at: https://www.indyhunger.org/find-help/

MEAL SERVICE:
At Risk After-school Meals: Frederick Douglass Park, 1616 E 25th St, Indianapolis
Youth ages 4-18 can receive a free meal after-school Monday-Saturday, 3-4 PM. For more info, call 327-7174.

IPS Meal Service: The IPS Food Service Team provides pre-packaged breakfast and lunch to all IPS students during remote learning days, and will extend distribution to include service during evening hours. The individually-wrapped breakfast and lunch options are distributed from IPS school parking lots. Meals are only available to students enrolled in IPS schools. More info at https://myips.org/back-to-school/nutrition/.

EVENTS:

Mon Sep 7, 2020
12pm - 3pm Open Adult Basketball
Where: Frederick Douglass Park, 1616 E 25th St, Indianapolis
Open gym co-ed basketball for adults, 18 and over. Monday-Saturday through the end of the year. Free. For more info, call 327-7174.

3pm - 7pm Open Youth Basketball
Where: Frederick Douglass Park, 1616 E 25th St, Indianapolis
Open gym co-ed basketball for youth ages 9 to 17, Monday-Saturday through the end of the year. Free. For more info, call 327-7174.

Tue Sep 8, 2020
6pm - 7pm Friends Douglass Park
Where: Frederick Douglass Park, 1616 E 25th St, Indianapolis
Friends of Frederick Douglass Park serve as the connector for the community and build support by working to advocate, fundraise and beautify. Meets every 2nd Tuesday, at Frederick Douglass Park at 6pm.

Sun Sep 13, 2020
10am St John AME Praise in the Parking Lot
Where: St. John AME Church, 1669 Columbia Ave, Indianapolis
Praise in the Parking Lot live (also on Zoom and Facebook Live) on Sunday, Sept. 13th. For info call (317) 924-4044.

Tue Sep 15, 2020
6pm - 8pm Money Smart Small Business Seminar
Where: via Zoom. Register on EventBrite.
Martindale Brightwood CDC & Indy East Business Association (IEBA) Presents its Annual Small Business Seminars. Money Smart for Small Business is an instructor-led curriculum developed jointly by the FDIC and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Designed to provide a practical introduction to aspects of starting and managing a business. Tuesdays, 6-8 PM, from Sept. 15 to Nov. 3.

Sat Sep 19, 2020
10am - 11am National Recovery Month live panel
PACE hosts a live panel in celebration of National Recovery Month via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/IndyPace on Saturday, September 19 at 10 AM. There is no cost to attend/watch.

Tue Sep 22, 2020
1:30pm - 3pm Martindale-Brightwood Code Compliance Committee Meeting
Where: Via Zoom
Code Compliance Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month. Contact Code Compliance Chairperson Jacklyn McMillan Gunn at (317)696-4968, or erdie6@aol.com for more info.

Sun Sep 27, 2020
1pm - 2pm Drive By Voter Registration
Where: Great Commission Church of God, 3302 N Arsenal Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218, USA
Nonpartisan Drive By (stay in your car) Voter Registration. Sponsored by Martindale-Brightwood One Voice, Ralston Hovey Arsenal Neighborhood Association, and Great Commission Church of God. For more information contact charlestonyknight@yahoo.com