

**Below are ideas shared by community partners  
in regard to how they are handling this situation.**

**We are all in this together.**

**...See if any of these can be helpful for you.**

### **KEEP ALL ENGAGED**

- **Libraries, Community Centers and Park Districts across our communities are providing a lot of virtual learning opportunities. Check out what is in your neck of the woods.**
- **Madeline Moser, Assistant Program Director from the Center for Enriched Living**, found a special way to build the team while all are working remotely. Each morning she emails her group asking all to share a picture around a certain “theme.” One day emails were exchanged showing photos of their favorite vacation spots. Another day they shared pictures of who they look up to/admire. Each day the theme changes. Madeline has found so much joy in learning about her team and is hopeful that when all come under the same roof again, they continue to be as open and vulnerable with one another.
- **Center for Enriched Living** returns to the art of letter-writing with their new **#PanPals** program. Volunteers write letters to their members helping them feel connected verses isolated during this time of crisis. If you would like to participate, you can send a letter, picture, card to a member and let them know that you’re thinking of them during this time.
- **Aspire** is spotlighting stories of their participants and direct care staff who are working on the front lines in their **[E-newsletter](#)**.
- **Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director of Gorton Community Center**, created several ways for her team to stay connected as soon as they started working from home.
  - **Monday Morning Coffee Hour** for small groups within the team (she is in one too). They answer thought-provoking questions, share poems, meditate together or come up with their own topics. **The Purpose: to check in, share good news**

**and connect. Two rules: no work talk, everyone takes a turn.**

- **Happy Hour every other Thursday for 30 minutes, optional, most attend!**
- **Book Club every other Friday at noon, also optional. They are reading [Tiny Habits](#) by BJ Fogg.**
- **Amazon and other on line retailers offer a lot of craft projects to keep the family engaged. Here is one that **Natalie, the Ceramics Teacher at Glencoe Park District**, shared. It is a step-by-step tutorial to make a penguin family using Model Magic. (available on Amazon <http://bit.ly/ModelMagic>)**

