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## City of Beachwood Providing ‘COVID Care Package’ to Residents in Need of Health, Sanitizing Supplies

**BEACHWOOD, Ohio –January 25, 2021–** With the knowledge that for some of its residents, household budgets are stretched taut, the City of Beachwood is offering a free “COVID Care Package” to residents that otherwise could not afford a grocery bag of the additional health and cleaning supplies necessary to combat COVID-19.

“My administration and our City Council have shared concerns that COVID-related joblessness and health issues have pushed some residents to the brink,” said Mayor Martin Horwitz. “We are here to assist those in need of a helping hand during this difficult COVID winter.”

Care packages are available for resident households currently experiencing significant financial hardship due to the pandemic, including: lay-offs or unemployment, increased child-care or personal expenses, and those having a difficult time making ends meet.

“We wish we could provide packages for everyone, but we must limit this to those in need,” said Community Services Director Derek Schroeder. “For those needing help now, we hope this provides not only tangible assistance but a good feeling that someone cares for their well-being.”

The Beachwood COVID Care Package includes:

- Masks donated from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (courtesy Councilwoman June Taylor)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Surface-Sanitizing Wipes
- Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Tissues

...and of course, a can of Chicken Noodle soup

Residents experiencing financial hardship may request a COVID Care Package for pick-up from Beachwood Community Services at 216-292-1970.

### **Beachwood’s Pandemic-Assistance History**

Beachwood residents have received assistance through many pandemic-related initiatives: in addition to scores of weekly senior-wellness phone calls, the City’s van-service drivers have delivered pre-paid grocery and pharmacy orders to homebound seniors and residents with disabilities, and the city has provided multiple rounds of free masks to residents.

Additionally, the City's groundbreaking BEACHWOOD DELIVERS fee-free restaurant-delivery service has saved Beachwood restaurants and residents an estimated \$20,000 in its first month of service. Based on this success, the service has been extended through February.

**About the City of Beachwood, OH**

Founded as a village in 1915, the City of Beachwood was incorporated in 1960. Conveniently located along Interstate 271, Beachwood is home to nearly 12,000 residents and 2,500 companies. It was named “#1 Place to Live in Cuyahoga County” by *Cleveland Magazine* in 2017 and the 2019 best place to hold a meeting requiring fewer than 1,000 guestrooms by the readers of *Midwest Meetings* magazine. Beachwood is well-known for its excellent city services, recreation facilities, highly rated schools, and low property taxes. Its diversity of residents is more than four times the Ohio state average. For more information about living and working in Beachwood, visit [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com).

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