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A Message from our Executive Director



Across the nation, every single person, family, business, church and organization is adjusting to the new reality we are currently facing. Communities of Transformation, as an organization, is rooted in creating a community by breaking bread, sharing good news, and supporting each person. Today, we are faced with how to support families from a distance. I have been blessed by the adaptive leadership shown by the COT Team as they step back, adjust, and keep moving forward in serving the community.

We may not be able to meet in person but COT is still creating and strengthening our communities. Our site coordinators are working to share community resources, news, moments of inspiration, and so much more. Phone calls, texts, and cards are creating beautiful moments of joy and connection. COT went live on Zoom and over eighty COT members gathered together the first week to share their good news and see familiar

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faces. Our calendar has been updated to reflect all new online meeting dates and times. COT members young and mature are connecting through social media to share pictures from home, to share the latest news from the CDC, to support community businesses, and to help members feel less alone.

In Communities of Transformation, we strive to walk with families/individuals to move them out of isolation. Even now with so much uncertainty in the world, you are not alone. If you were part of a COT site years ago, you are still a part of our community and I encourage you to reach out to the current Site Coordinator to see how you can reconnect today. If this is the first time you have heard of COT, please reach out to anyone on our team to learn more about how a COT community can walk with you.

We do not know how long this will last or what is next but we do know that even now, God is moving. Even now, relationships are growing stronger and communities are finding new ways to support their neighbors. Even now, laughter and tears are being shared and healing is taking place.

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Connecting in New Ways

COT is adhering to all social distancing guidelines provided to our local communities due to COVID 19. Until further notice, no local COT site will be meeting in person. The COT Team has been working hard to find new ways to connect with our communities.

Many of our sites are providing weekly Zoom calls as their weekly meetings to connect, share good news, and bring a little joy from a distance. If you have not connected with us through Zoom, please find our schedule below and contact your local site coordinator today!

Weekly Zoom Meeting Schedule

Date Time	Site
Eufaula	Monday 5:30pm CT
Phenix City	Tuesday 5:00pm CT
Dothan	Tuesday 5:30pm CT
Montgomery	Tuesday 5:30pm CT
South Walton	Tuesday 6:00pm CT
Pine Hill	Tuesday 6:30pm CT
Mobile	Thursday 6:30pm CT

Our Pine Hill Site Coordinator is attending Zoom meetings with local service providers to share information with her community. Our Phenix City COT members sent cards to celebrate a birthday. Our Evergreen COT site shared their love through painting and placing yard signs for their COT members.



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Recognition of Service



On April 13, we recognized the last day of VISTA service for our Eufaula Site Coordinator, Lasheena Flemming. We are grateful for her year of service and her leadership at COT Eufaula. Lasheena's love of God and love for the community was the foundation on which the site continued to grow. We are excited to see where God leads her next in her service of Him but we will miss her!

Our COT Eufaula Leadership Team is receiving resumes and conducting interviews for our new Site Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about how to serve with our organization, please email our director, Katy Wrona, at katywrona.cot@gmail.com.

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Volunteer Appreciation Week



This week (April 19 - 25th) is National Volunteer Appreciation Week! The ministry of Communities of Transformation wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers. Their dedication, love for the community, and willingness to be vulnerable creates a supportive, nurturing, and safe environment where transformation is taking place. In every COT community, volunteers are providing meals, serving on boards, providing instruction and care in the children's program, walking with families and so much more. Saying thank you will never be enough but our COT communities want to take a small moment to say how much we appreciate you!

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Praying Together

During these challenging times, we look to our spiritual foundation or begin to connect in new ways. Across our sites and staff, prayer concerns are being lifted up and shared. The power of prayer is an unstoppable force. How can the COT team pray for you? What is heavy on your heart? How can we walk with you during this time?

Please email ashleighhicks.cot@gmail.com and Ashleigh will add your prayer requests to our prayer list.

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