## **HOUSING WORKS COVID-19 RESPONSE**

When news of the coronavirus hit Housing Works, we acted quickly to ensure the safety and support of our staff and clients. While we had to shut down our brick & mortar retail operations, our healthcare, housing, and advocacy kicked into full gear to respond to the pandemic.

As Federally Qualified Health Centers, Housing Works Community Healthcare serves low-income New Yorkers disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

We rolled out telehealth and virtual support options for clients. We also are responding to food shortages with emergency food delivery to our housing clients.







• We successfully advocated New York City to take better care of homeless New Yorkers during this pandemic. This led to us operating an emergency homeless COVID-19 shelter.



Housing Works CEO Charles King Opens
Coronavirus Homeless Shelters,
New York Post

New York City Is Teaming Up With Nonprofits to Get COVID-Positive Homeless Folks into Medically Managed Hotels, The Body

HIV Nonprofit Housing Works Opens
COVID-19 Homeless Shelters,
Poz Magazine

• We also teamed up with longtime Housing Works donor Rhonda Roland Shearer to make PPE available to frontline workers!

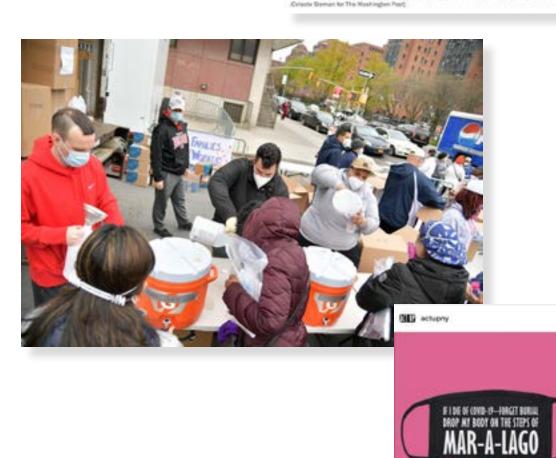
New York's patron saint of PPE went \$600,000 in debt to outfit workers — and hospitals keep turning her down, Washington Post





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• And we continue to advocate for better housing and care for our most vulnerable New Yorkers.

Virginia Shubert, the co-founder of Housing Works and a longtime homeless advocate, said that Covid-19 only throws into sharper relief what has been clear since at least the AIDS epidemic: that housing is health care. Cuomo and de Blasio, Shubert said, are "afraid of establishing a precedent where the people's right to housing is acknowledged and the fact that homelessness is a public health emergency is acknowledged."

Mayor Bill de Blasio says New York City
can't afford hotel rooms for the homeless
– but FEMA could actually fit the bill,
The Intercept





## BUT OUR WORK IS FAR FROM OVER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

