



**CENTRAL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS JOINS
ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIGUEL SANTIAGO TO DISTRIBUTE \$50,000
PROVIDED BY ONE FAMILY LA TO ASSIST FAMILIES ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED BY
THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

Funding distributions for rent and utilities will vary depending on need

Los Angeles, California (February 26, 2021)—Los Angeles families unable to pay their rent or utility bills due to the economic impact of COVID-19 are getting some needed relief. Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP), with the support of Assemblyman Miguel Santiago, today distributed \$50,000 in rent and utility bill assistance to more than 50 families thanks to One Family LA, an initiative of Great Public Schools Now. The initiative was launched in March 2020 at the onset of the pandemic to provide direct financial assistance to Los Angeles families hardest hit by the economic fallout of COVID-19.

“The pandemic has added yet another burden on the most vulnerable members of our community, which is why we are so grateful for this One Family LA grant,” said Margarita Alvarez Gomez, Executive Director of CCNP. “We know this assistance will provide immediate relief to families struggling to keep the lights on and a roof over their heads.”

“Since the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, One Family LA has focused on easing the hardships faced by LA families with school-age children,” said Dr. Ana F. Ponce, Executive Director of Great Public Schools Now. “We know the importance of education, especially during school closures, which is why we’re doing what we can to ease the burden on parents struggling to survive this pandemic while bearing the responsibility of educating their children at home.”

Assemblymember Miguel Santiago and CCNP distributed the relief support to Los Angeles families just in time to help them make their March rent and utility payments. Payments will be made directly to their landlords/property owners or utility providers.

“We’ve heard of the devastating financial impact COVID-19 has had on LA families, but rarely do we hear of the struggle families have paying their utilities. These One Family LA funds will certainly help families in fear of not being able to keep the lights on or being able to cook for their children,” said Assemblymember Miguel Santiago of District 53, serving Boyle Heights, Downtown Los Angeles, Koreatown, Pico-Union, and the surrounding areas.

CCNP is a non-profit collaborative of more than 20 agencies working together to benefit low-income children, families, and communities. During the pandemic, services have continued and include providing grocery and fresh produce through the CCNP emergency food service. For more information visit <https://www.laccnp.org/>

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