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I hope you are doing fine in these extremely challenging times!

While many of you are extremely busy supporting your students and family, I wanted to draw your attention to this really amazing impactful opportunity to help the most vulnerable in the community which is being coordinated by our very own Ben Rottman from psychology!

In particular, Ben started this initiative called Be a Pitt Shopping Helper / Find a Pitt Shopping Helper.

This program connects Pitt students, staff, and faculty to help people who cannot or should not leave their homes obtain groceries and medical supplies. The goal is to connect people within neighborhoods in order to minimize movement and spread of COVID19 and help the vulnerable within the Pitt Community.

The idea is not to make lots of extra shopping trips, but instead, when someone is going to the store, to deliver necessities for one or two people affiliated with Pitt.

Many people have already volunteered, which is wonderful, but we also want to especially encourage people who are sick (or potentially sick) or are high risk to use this service.

Here are the two links:

[Find a Pitt Shopping Helper](#) (to seek assistance)

<https://pitt.sharepoint.com/sites/FindaPittShoppingHelper>

If this link doesn't work, login to my.pitt, and then try the link again.

[Be a Pitt Shopping Helper](#) (to volunteer)

https://pitt.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3JIANyOA4pJL7r7

Please feel free to forward this on to other individuals or units within Pitt.

To find out about other ways you can volunteer, please see [Pitt's Pandemic Service Initiative](#).

Thanks very much, and stay safe!

Best,

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