

# CONFLUENCE

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## HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE CENTER DIRECTOR AND STAFF



This holiday season is unlike any other, to cap off a year unlike any other. Throughout this season, and as we move into a new (and hopefully better) year, we wish you moments of peace amid the difficulties, connections with family and friends even if they can't be in person, the warmth of memories from holidays past, and wonderful glimpses of the joy that still lives under the surface. As we look back upon the past year, we would like to acknowledge those who have helped and inspired us to keep plugging along. We wanted to remind ourselves of the moments that made us proud of 2020.

### 20 Reasons Why We Are Proud of 2020

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| 1. Priority in focusing on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiatives  | 11. Veterans Day Special Edition – Veterans Resources   |
| 2. 2020 Rising Star Recipients   | 12. Shoreline IMT (Incident Management Team) Incident Command - Incident Management Team Internship |
| 3. New Center Employee – Brandi Hunter   | 13. Positive Feedback from Site Review with SBCTC   |
| 4. Collaboration with Aspiring Emergency Managers Online (AEMO)  | 14. Volunteer Resource Guidebook  |
| 5. Digital Innovation - Confluence, Podcasts, Blogs, Animations  | 15. Medical Supply Chain Forum Follow-Up  |
| 6. Lorraine Churchill: <i>Together, This is Us</i>   | 16. Happy 5th Anniversary to Jim Mullen's Blog – Emergency Management, Once Removed                 |
| 7. Recruitment of new Board members who represent our diverse communities  | 17. Jayme Wisecup Testimonials  |
| 8. New Website Design  | 18. Deb Moller: Conversations with Women in EM  |
| 9. Adapting to the Pandemic  | 19. Strategic Planning Session – Development of new EDI initiatives                                 |
| 10. Recovery and Resilience in the Era of COVID-19: The Interconnectedness of Agriculture, Clean Energy, Public Health, Supply Chain, and Emergency Management | 20. Adventure on the State Capital  |

We want to also take the time to thank our Advisory Board members and Senior Fellows for their continued support. Thanks for a great year, and we wish you all the best as you embark on the New Year ahead.

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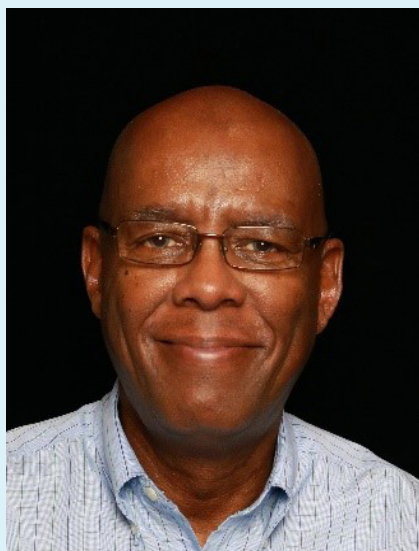
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## MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, VINCENT DAVIS - THE IMPORTANCE OF FEEDING AMERICA DURING COVID-19



*"In general, very few people are prepared for any kind of disaster including disability which doesn't require a hurricane." – Arthur Ashe*

As I go about the important work of feeding families impacted by our nation's most deadly disaster, I try not to dwell on the despair millions face from food insecurity, but rather on the precious privilege I've been given to help make a difference.

More than providing meals, Feeding America, through its generous donors and network of 200 food banks and over 60,000 agencies, provides hope to those who have lost their livelihoods, homes and in many instances their loved ones due to COVID19 and other disasters. For more than 50 million Americans, we provide dignity; what we do isn't a hand out, but a hand up to brighter days ahead.

I'm extremely grateful for the

opportunity of serving with the COE as we work together to prepare ourselves, our institutions, and our communities for future events. I hope you all have a blessed and safe holiday season.

Best wishes,  
Vince Davis- CEM, MCP, NEMAA  
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\*Vince Davis has over 20-years diverse experience in emergency and crisis management and business continuity that includes military, government, disaster relief, and corporate entities Walgreens, Sony, and Amazon. He is a Certified Emergency Manager by the International Association of Emergency Managers, Master Continuity Practitioner (FEMA), and graduate of the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA).

## WELCOME NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS!

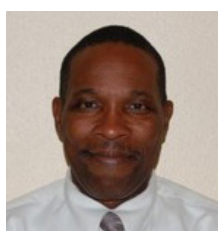
We are excited to have expanded our Advisory Board with members who are representatives of their diverse communities. Please welcome to the Board:



**VINCENT B. DAVIS**  
DIRECTOR FOR DISASTER SERVICES  
FEEDING AMERICA



**JULIE JEFFERSON**  
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR  
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SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



**ITOHAN AMU**  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of our new Board members are wonderful additions and we could not be more honored that they have joined to help the Center continue its growth and prosperity. Our mission at the Center is to provide statewide leadership that supports diversity and ensures the industry's academic programs remain on the cutting-edge. With a strong and diverse Advisory Board, we are able to maintain and achieve our organizations mission.

# WINTER BREAK RESOURCES



## FOOD

### Motion Church (Meals in Motion):

Location: 601 9th Ave SE, Puyallup, WA 98372

Phone: (253) 848-9111

Services: They provide to-go meals for those in need. They hand out food on the 3rd full weekend of every month. For the month of December they will be handing out food after the church service on Saturday, December 26th and Sunday, December 27th.

Website: <https://motionchrch.com/meals-in-motion>

### Tacoma Rescue Mission:

Location: 425 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98402

Phone: (253) 383-4493

Services: They provide daily meals. Breakfast is served 7:30am-8:15am and dinner is served 5pm-6pm. Christmas dinner will be provided 4:30-6pm.

Hours: 4:30pm-5pm

Website: <https://www.trm.org/need-help/>

### \*\*Emergency Food Network:

Location: 3318 92nd St S, Lakewood, WA 98499

Phone: (253) 584-1040

Service: This website will provide those qualified with the opportunity to receive a free food delivery service.

Website: <https://efoodnet.org/resources/home-delivery/>

### Help Kitchen:

Service: Text "Find a Meal" to (253) 215-8101. This will prompt recipients to answer a series of questions connecting them with local restaurants that will prepare them free meals. Recipient will receive a location and time to pick up the food instantly but it will take 3 days from the day the text was sent out to receive the food.

Website: <https://www.helpkitchen.org/>

### New Nativity House:

Location: 702 S 14th St, Tacoma, WA 98405

Phone: (253) 383-3697

Service: This is an adult shelter for women and men that serves meals daily to its clients. Meals are served every weekday from 8am-11am and every weekend from 10am-1pm. Dinner is served every night at 5:30pm. (This is a

housing resource but those in need of a meal will not be turned away if they are not staying at the facility)

Hours: 7am-4:30pm

Website: <https://ccsww.org/get-help/pierce-county/>

### Puyallup Francis House:

Location: 322 7th St SE, Puyallup, WA 98372

Phone: (253) 770-6991

Service: This resource provides those in need To-Go meals every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6pm.

Website: <https://www.puyallupfrancishouse.org/our-programs/foodpantry>

### Housing and General Resources:

\*\*<https://www.findhelp.org/>

\*\*<https://westernusa.salvationarmy.org/>

\*\*<https://www.uwpc.org/>

Service: These websites can provide individuals with resources like housing and other general basic needs requests. Some of these services do require Coordinated Entry (211).



## TOYS

### \*\*Toy Rescue Mission:

Location: 607 S Winnifred St, Tacoma, WA 98465

Phone: (253) 460-6711

Service: Provides children 0-15 years old with toys. Call the phone number to make an appointment to receive service.

Website: <https://www.toyrescuemission.org/christ-mas-pre-registration.html>

### \*\*Pierce County Toys for Tots:

Service: The program serves children between the ages of 0-13. There is no pre-registration needed and donations will be done through food banks and churches. Website:

<https://pierce-county-wa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>

### \*\*Salvation Army Angel Tree:

Phone: Phone: Tacoma - (253) 572-8452,

Puyallup - (253) 841-1491

Service: This service provide children, seniors and adults the opportunity to receive a gift. Recipient needs to fill out an application to see if they qualify to become an "angel". Clothing and toys are then gifted to those who qualify. Deadline for the application is December 16th.

Website: <https://saangeltree.org/>



## OTHER RESOURCES



Visit Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections to find assistance with food, housing, jobs, financial aid, counseling and more. Here, you'll find resources to support you through your college journey.

Website: <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/help>



United Way  
of Pierce County

Pierce County 211

Provides referrals to local resources and community partners.

Website: <https://www.uwpc.org/get-help-now-211>

For a direct referral to 211, contact Job & Career Connections.

All resources with \*\* means that an application is required or Coordinated Entry (211) is required.

Questions on Your Washington State Unemployment claim? Call the Washington State Unemployment Claims Department at 1-800-318-6022. Phone hours are 8am - 12pm, Monday through Friday.

Funding Eligibility: Start Next Quarter online survey [www.startnextquarter.org](http://www.startnextquarter.org), identifies possible funding sources for Professional/Technical degrees or certificates.

Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: [www.myinterfase.com/pierce\\_ctc/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student)

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In-person service is temporarily closed.  
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Please note: Pierce College will be closed December 21 - 25