

# 10 Ways to Love Athens

*in troubling times*



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## Stay Social, But Stay Home

As our own Mayor Kelly Girtz [has advised](#), and public health expertise has made clear, our goal is to [flatten the curve](#). Keep reading to find ways to remain connected, while also caring for our community. The following list offers ways to love where you live from a safe distance. Stay up to date by checking [this ACCGov page](#) regularly.

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## Look for the Helpers

The beloved Mr. Rogers advised children to "[look for the helpers](#)" in times of crisis. Now that we are grown, let's look for the helpers, and then ask: "How we can we help you?" Consider the following opportunities and, if you can be a helper, please do so.

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## Your Older Neighbors

We know that older adults are at greater risk for complications related to the current pandemic. [Volunteer](#) to make a check-in phone call or meet other needs as they arise. Call [706-549-4850](#) to learn more.

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## People Experiencing Poverty

Our Daily Bread is the go-to for meals for some of the most vulnerable people of all ages in Athens-Clarke County. [Join them](#) as they continue to provide necessary meals to our neighbors.

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## Women and Children

The Athens Area Homeless Shelter does a remarkable job of providing shelter and opportunity for women with children in our community. See [here](#) for needed supplies, which you can drop off from 8 am to 6 pm.

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## Support Small Business

For many, this is a truly challenging time financially. If you are able, consider purchasing gift cards from your favorite local spots. Look for local businesses [here](#) and [here](#). If you need it, Athens has it.

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## Food for All

The Northeast Georgia Food Bank is the local leader in ending hunger in our community. Even dollar given to this group can go far due to their purchasing power. Consider [giving](#) what you can.

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## Give Thanks

Remember the helpers, and say thank you. Our local healthcare workers, public safety officers, and many front line public servants are sacrificing for us. Take a moment to [say thank you](#) to the helpers.

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## Support CCSD Children

Many local children will be at risk of food insecurity, with limited access to meals during school cancellations. Help Clarke County School District [meet this gap](#).

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## Be the Helpers

Every day, find ways to build community beginning with your own home. Now is a remarkable opportunity to reexamine, reboot, and revive your [love](#) for your neighbors.