



Dear Juneteenth Entrepreneurs Scholarship Award Celebration and Awards Event Attendees,

While the Event is still Seventeen (17) Weeks away Friday, June 19,2020, the impacts of COVID-19 on our community and fellow attendees has been vast. Our thoughts are with all of you and we hope you're safe and healthy. We are reminded of just how critical it is to support one another during these challenging times. We are in awe of the many ways' individuals have rallied to bolster unity and understanding.

Here are a few interesting ways people are coming together (virtually):

- Purchasing gift certificates to local restaurants, record stores, and brick & mortar retailers to provide an alternative revenue stream
- Hosting virtual happy hours with friends and family to bolster human connection
- **Buying tickets to future community Events to show support for the greater community**
- Offering grocery store runs or meal delivery to the elderly and immunocompromised
- Contributing financially to food banks for children who have lost access to daily meals during school closures
- Donating to artists, performers, and venues to show solidarity and continue the celebration of the arts
- **Creating Wishlist's for direct delivery to non-profit organizations and shelters that cannot currently receive in-person donations**
- Providing online attendance options for classes, concerts, church services and more to connect communities to meaningful experiences

Entrepreneurs Scholarship Program understands the complexity of this situation and is committed to keeping you informed and empowered. We will keep you informed of the decisions regarding the Event moving forward. We will also continue to provide inspiration and ways to reduce student debts. We remain poised to provide assistance and support when you need it. Stay safe, get involved where you can and know that we're excited to connect as soon as conditions improve.

Sincerely,

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