



# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## UPDATE #16

### LOCAL 700 ALTRUISM (UPDATE 4-20-2020)

Dear Members,

Among all of the difficulties and challenges this ongoing pandemic has brought upon us, we have also seen a demonstration of incredible generosity and kindness. Many of you are volunteering in whatever means you are able, to help others in need, to look in on your neighbors and friends, etc.

#### al·tru·ism

/ˈɑːltroʊˌɪzəm/

*noun*

the belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others.  
"some may choose to work with vulnerable elderly people out of altruism"

In response to the regular emails I have been sending throughout the last few weeks, many of you have expressed a desire to either donate money to help members in need and/or participate in volunteer opportunities. So today's coronavirus update focuses on those two things.

We have created a volunteer/donation information page on our website highlighting industry-related organizations. I invite you to look at it. If you are willing and able to join in any of these causes, those whose lives you will change as a result will be deeply grateful.

One big effort specific to Local 700 is a direct outreach to our retirees. Volunteer members have made one-on-one contact with over 1,000 of our retirees. However, we are in need of more volunteers to reach our goal of direct contact with all 2,200 retired members. The time commitment is at your convenience and can be catered to your schedule.

#### Watching Over Local 700 Retirees

A corps of dedicated Local 700 volunteers has performed welfare checks via text message on nearly 1,000 Editors Guild retirees. This week we'll be making phone calls to retirees we've not been able to reach by text. And we're connecting retirees in need to the services available to them through the IATSE C.A.R.E.S. mutual aid program.

Write to [organizing@editorsguild.com](mailto:organizing@editorsguild.com) and include "retiree calls" in the subject header.



We would like to know about ways in which our members are donating and volunteering. If you are willing to send us photos of your volunteer work and a brief explanation of what you're doing to help, I encourage you to do so. Anything you submit to us along these lines may be used in the Guild's social media outlets. Email to: Communications Director Scott Collins, [scollins@editorsguild.com](mailto:scollins@editorsguild.com).

Thank you. I continue to wish you and your loved ones the very best.

With best regards and solidarity,

National Executive Director

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