



Although EARS, Inc. has reopened gradually and safely, our organization has been greatly affected by the pandemic.

Directed by the PA Department of Human Services and the Lancaster Office of Aging, we were unable to continue services offered in our three facilities which lasted for a period of approximately 3 ½ months (OOA currently working on reopening plan). The services that we provide generate 85% of our revenue thus forcing us to lay off staff and only provide remote supports to individuals in a limited manner as directed to us by the Office of Developmental Programs.

Thus EARS went from a \$4 million dollar non-profit, employing 73 staff and supporting 200 clients as well as providing services to 90 Senior Citizens, to a \$2 million agency employing 37 staff and supporting 80 clients. Our Senior Center remains closed, with the reopening date set for 9/14/20. Both the Ephrata facility and the senior center have or will be opening at approximately 1/3 capacity. Due to funding restraints we were also forced to close our Lebanon facility permanently, laying off 9 employees and discontinuing services to 43 clients.

With the current pandemic still impacting EARS, we are asking for your financial support. Below are three ways that you can assist us in continuing to provide day services to adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities and senior citizens of northeastern Lancaster county.

- A donation sent to EARS either via this website or in the mail.
- The ExtraGive on November 20, 2020
- The Akron Lions Club GoFundMe page at [charity.gofundme.com/our-fair-share](https://charity.gofundme.com/our-fair-share)

Thank you for your time and consideration! Your support will enable us to continue our mission of providing supports that improve the quality of life and self-worth of the individuals we serve.