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**United Way of Lake County announces 4th round of grants
totaling \$115,000 from COVID-19 Community Response Fund
*Supporting Non-Profits Serving At-Risk Neighbors***



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LAKE COUNTY, IL (May 14, 2020) - United Way of Lake County announced today that \$115,000 has been awarded in the fourth round of **Lake County COVID-19 Community Response Fund** grants to 13 local non-profit organizations. This most recent grant cycle focused on smaller organizations doing critical work serving communities and populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

The fourth round of grant recipients are:

- **Beacon Place**, to provide families in need living in hard hit communities with essential healthcare-related supplies to prevent contagion and illnesses.
- **Club Apaseo el Alto**, to support food drive for families in need in Waukegan and North Chicago.
- **Diaper Bank Partnership of Lake County**, to help support those in need in western Lake County by providing diapers for infants, seniors and the disabled.

- **Emmanuel Faith Bible Christian Center - Food Pantry**, to support purchase of additional food for dramatically increasing food needs of North Chicago community.
- **Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)**, to support educational community outreach and resources, as well as basic needs such as food, rent and essential supplies, for migrant and seasonal families experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.
- **The Giving Point Food Pantry**, to provide food and supplies for pantry to serve an increasing number of families who are out of work and hungry.
- **Grandparents and Kins Raising Children**, to support distance learning and educational development of children raised by grandparents or other relatives in need and without internet access or computers.
- **Hispanic American Community Education and Services (HACES)**, to provide emergency assistance with rent, utilities, food and prescriptions for individuals and families in need including young children and seniors affected by the pandemic.
- **Mothers Trust Foundation**, to support emergency housing assistance to help keep vulnerable families with children safely in their homes during this crisis.
- **Roberti Community House**, to sustain the production, procurement and distribution of food for residents in need from Highwood and Highland Park communities, many of whom worked in the hospitality or restaurant industry.
- **Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers**, to provide medical transportation and services for older adults without other means living in south Lake County and needing essential care for dialysis, radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, pain management, etc.
- **Taylor's Toolbox Inc**, to support individuals and families in need with food, health and safety essentials, and financial assistance who are living in underserved areas of northern Lake County.
- **Youthage Culinary Program Inc**, to provide emergency funding for food, supplies and delivery of meals to homebound seniors in North Chicago,



Waukegan, Zion and Mundelein as well as education on healthy food preparation.

The Lake County COVID-19 Community Response Fund unites funds raised by philanthropies, corporations and individuals to support nonprofits on the front lines of the crisis addressing Lake County's greatest needs.

Since the fund was launched on March 20, a total of **\$453,262** has been granted swiftly back into the Lake County community to 35 nonprofits so they can continue their critical work serving our most vulnerable neighbors.

Additional grants will be awarded on a rolling basis to quickly respond to urgent and evolving needs, as funds are available. For more information about the Lake County COVID-19 Community Response Fund, future funding opportunities or to donate, visit LIVEUNITEDlakecounty.org/covid19.

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ABOUT UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY

United Way of Lake County's mission is to unite leadership and resources to create lasting change that will improve lives in Lake County, Illinois. United Way recently launched 211, a free, confidential, 24-hour information and referral helpline, providing personalized help guiding individuals and families in Lake County to available health and human services.

Through the support of our partners and supporters, we are transforming communities by delivering programs and services that are timely, effective and scalable, with results we can measure. For more information, visit LIVEUNITEDlakecounty.org.