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Community Crisis Fund Awards \$1.6 Million in Grants for Reopening, Focus on Priority Populations

Additional \$130,397 in Emergency Grants Also Awarded

The Community Crisis Fund awarded 27 grants in August totaling \$1,593,975 in a new phase of funding to support nonprofit organizations with costs related to reopening or maintaining safe operations and those that serve priority populations or are led by persons of color.

An additional \$130,397 was approved for grants to 13 organizations for emergency or basic needs. That brings the total awarded from the Community Crisis Fund in August to \$1,724,372.

Mobilized by United Way of Greater Rochester and Rochester Area Community Foundation, the Community Crisis Fund began receiving contributions shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic forced a statewide shutdown. Since March, more than \$6.1 million has been raised, with donations from foundations, local businesses and institutions, and individuals. Nearly \$5.1 million has been distributed from the fund.

Starting in August, funding priorities expanded to address the following:

- Support and fortify nonprofits or resident-led community groups serving priority populations that include Black, Latinx, refugees, migrants, rural communities, people with physical and/or cognitive disabilities, and older adults;
- Advance efforts to create more equitable outcomes for these populations; and
- Alleviate the burden on nonprofits for uncovered costs for personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies needed to remain open or reopen safely.

Priority status is being given to grant requests from organizations led by people of color and/or have staff and board leadership reflecting the communities they serve, that provide opportunities for consumers to take on decision-making roles, and demonstrate that at least 75 percent of recipients fall within the priority populations.

Nonprofits receiving grants in this new phase of funding are:

- Anthony L. Jordan Health Corporation (Monroe County)
- Arc of Genesee Orleans (Genesee and Orleans counties)
- Beyond the Sanctuary, Inc. (Monroe County)

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester (Monroe, Ontario, Wayne and Yates counties)
- Cameron Community Ministries (Monroe County)
- Celebration of Life Community Inc. (Monroe County)
- Community Food Cupboard of Rochester (Monroe County)
- Empire Justice Center on behalf of The Telesca Center for Justice Partners (Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties)
- First Genesis Baptist Church (Monroe County)
- Friendship Children's Center (Monroe County)
- Heritage Christian Services (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties)
- Hope Hall School (Livingston and Monroe counties)
- Hope Lutheran Church (Monroe County)
- House of Mercy (Monroe County)
- Ibero-American Action League (Monroe County)
- Living Word Urban Christian Institute, Inc. (Monroe County)
- Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester (Monroe County)
- Ontario ARC (Ontario County)
- Open Door Mission (Monroe County)
- Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (Monroe County)
- Refugees Helping Refugees (Monroe County)
- Saint's Place (Monroe County)
- School of the Holy Childhood (Monroe County)
- University of Rochester, School-Based Health Centers (Monroe County)
- Urban League of Rochester (Monroe County)
- Villa of Hope (Livingston, Monroe, Ontario and Wayne counties)
- Wilson Commencement Park (Monroe County)

Grant applications are due on the third Friday of every month.

The 13 nonprofit organizations receiving support for emergency or basic needs in August were:

- Beta Chi Chi, Inc. (Monroe County)
- Carolyn's Cupboard at Abundant Grace Church (Monroe County)
- Catholic Charities of Buffalo (Genesee and Orleans counties)
- Catholic Family Center (Monroe County)
- Dimitri House, Inc. (Monroe County)
- Jordan Health Center (Monroe County)
- Lifespan of Greater Rochester (Monroe County)
- Newark Emmanuel Free Lunch Program (Wayne County)
- Project Stork, Inc. (Genesee and Orleans counties)
- Rochester Jewels Inc. (Monroe County)
- St. Peter's Kitchen (Monroe County)
- Seneca Falls Library (Seneca County)
- Volunteers of America (Monroe County)

For more information about funding parameters or to apply, visit bit.ly/CrisisFunding2 or the Community Foundation and United Way websites.