



FAIRFIELD COUNTY COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

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Fairfield County Foundation and United Way of Fairfield County Establish Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund to Support Local Non-Profits

LANCASTER, Ohio – In response to the call from a coalition of community advisors, The Fairfield County Foundation (FCF) and the United Way of Fairfield County (UWFC) have solidified plans to respond to the many anticipated local needs resulting from the social distancing and shelter-in-place measures enacted by state government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. FCF and UWFC have teamed up to establish the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide flexible grant resources, up to \$5,000, to qualified charitable organizations operating in Fairfield County that are directly supporting residents whose basic needs are going unmet due to COVID-19.

FCF and UWFC will administer the collection and distribution of funds in close collaboration with a coalition of community stakeholders and advisors, which reflects the diversity of the community. This group will participate in weekly conference calls to share what's happening and to help inform immediate outbreak relief and longer-term recovery needs.

"We are proud to be working with the United Way of Fairfield County to offer a cohesive response for our community," said Amy Eyman, Executive Director, Fairfield County Foundation. "I continue to be amazed by the generous spirit and resilience of this community. I encourage those who have the means to donate to the relief fund and support our neighbors during these incredibly challenging and uncertain times."

"The United Way of Fairfield County is honored to collaborate with the Fairfield County Foundation to support our community," said Scott Reed, CEO, United Way of Fairfield County. "Together we can provide greater impact for non-profits effected by the COVID-19 pandemic, as many of their services are in higher demand right now and they are not immune to the financial impact."

Non-profits interested in receiving funding must complete a COVID-19 Relief Fund Application, found on the FCF or UWFC website, and submit the application to either Amy Eyman (aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) or Scott Reed (sreed@uwayfairfieldco.org). The Grant Oversight Committee will begin meeting bi-monthly on May 4th and distributions will be made on a rolling basis as fundraising continues throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis.

Individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations interested in making charitable contributions to the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund can donate in one of three ways:

- Make checks payable to **Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund** and mail to Fairfield County Foundation, 162 East Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130 OR United Way of Fairfield County, PO Box 2299, Lancaster, OH 43130-2299
- Give online at <https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org> OR <https://www.uwayfairfieldco.org>
- Text "FCCOVID19" to 91-999

Please contact Amy Eyman at aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org or Scott Reed at sreed@uwayfairfieldco.org with any questions.

The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants today continue to support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

The United Way of Fairfield County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that strives to improve lives through the caring power of our community. Since 1940, United Way has worked to advance the common good by focusing on the education, financial stability and health of the people of Fairfield County. For more information about the United Way of Fairfield County, please call 740-653-0643 or visit www.uwayfairfieldco.org.

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