



United Way
of Broome County

United Way of Broome County, Inc.
PO Box 550
Binghamton, NY 13902-0550

NEWS MEDIA RELEASE

For more information:

Maria Cataldo | Marketing & Communications Director
607-341-8823

COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance Announces Final Microgrants and Thanks Community

VESTAL, NEW YORK– In March of this year, local funders including United Way of Broome County, The Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation, Community Foundation for South Central New York, Dr. C. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation, The Stewart W. and Wilma C. Hoyt Foundation, George A. and Margaret Mee Charitable Foundation, and Roger Kresge Foundation, came together to launch the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance.

The fund was established to address urgent needs of community organizations in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and since inception, it has rapidly deployed flexible resources into the community through organizations addressing the effects of the outbreak.

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund application process has closed with limited remaining funds. The Alliance spent a tremendous amount of time researching supports in our community that have been significantly impacted by the pandemic. While many investments have focused primarily on the immediate needs of our community, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund has chosen to shift to funding to longer-term initiatives through a series of microgrants.

As of late September, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance determined one of the areas of most immediate need are our non-profit childcare centers. The community truly appreciates the role childcare centers play in creating a strong foundation for children to succeed academically and socially. The COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance has approved fourteen \$500.00 microgrants to local non-profit childcare centers to support efforts, including the purchasing of cleaning supplies and additional PPE. Additionally, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance has provided a microgrant of \$550.00 to the Broome County Council of Churches' CHOW program, to support food insecurity across our community.

In total, \$387,563.52 has been collected and distributed through the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance to 55 local nonprofit agencies; each supports the critical resources for our community. This was all possible with the outpouring support and incredible generosity of the community, including individual donors, corporate, and philanthropic partners. Together, we have impacted the lives of thousands of Broome County residents. Thank you to all who have given, advocated, and donated to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund.



*George A. and Margaret Mee
Charitable Foundation*



THE STEWART W. and WILLMA C.
HOYT
FOUNDATION, INC.

About United Way of Broome County

United Way of Broome County unites donors, volunteers and community organizations in a common mission to drive change that will have a positive impact on the critical needs of our community by strategically leveraging the collective resources of community partners. Our focus is on Basic Needs, Health, Education, and Financial Stability. These are the building blocks for a good life and the cornerstones of a strong community. By combining contributions from individuals and organizations, United Way generates a larger pool of dollars and expertise to tackle the issues that matter most, to help those who need it the most, in ways that achieve the greatest impact. Our work is personal enough to change lives and powerful enough to improve conditions across the community we serve. United Way invites people to come together, LIVE UNITED and create the change we want to see.

About Community Foundation for South Central New York

The Community Foundation for South Central New York is a focal point for philanthropy in the five-county region we serve; Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga counties. Since our inception in 1997, we have awarded over \$16 million in grants to non-profits, schools, and municipalities in our communities. **Our grants have** strengthened families through parent education programs, supported young students with preschool and after-school programs, purchased needed equipment for rural-based health facilities, assisted arts organizations with special projects, helped farmers markets expand, built or renovated libraries, theaters and other community-use buildings, provided transportation for seniors, assisted with flood relief efforts in 2006 and again in 2011, and more. The Community Foundation offers caring individuals an effective way to endow their community in a manner that is responsible, responsive, and lasting.

About Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation

The Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation is committed to promoting, nurturing and educating a healthy, economically viable community. Through our grantmaking, we support like-minded organizations and projects that impact current priority needs, with a focus on larger, long-range problems, complex community issues, and collaborative approaches to solutions.

About the Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation

The purpose of the Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation is to assist bona fide charitable organizations, focusing primarily on educational, medical and medical research institutions, and cultural and human service organizations providing principal service to residents of Broome County. This assistance is in the form of grants that may be used for capital projects or new and innovative projects or programs. The Decker Foundation, in general, does not provide continuing or regular support. Our efforts are directed toward helping organizations provide programs to earn income and thus become more self sufficient.

About The Stewart W. and Willma C. Hoyt Foundation

The mission of the Stewart W. and Willma C. Hoyt Foundation, created to perpetuate the Hoyts' charitable interest, is to use its resources to enhance the quality of life of the people of Broome County primarily through judicious grantmaking. We are particularly interested in assisting 501(c)3 organizations and related programs that meet an urgent community need and that do not unnecessarily duplicate the work of other organizations.

About George A. and Margaret Mee Charitable Foundation

The Mee Foundation invests in projects and programs of qualified nonprofit organizations that support the communities of Broome County, NY, Delaware County, NY, and Cameron County, PA. It is the Foundation's intent through such investments to support the nonprofit organizations in addressing the current issues and challenges within these communities working towards meaningful change and impact in the lives of those they serve.

About Roger Kresge Foundation

The Roger Kresge Foundation believes children deserve a healthy, happy and safe life, with the possibility of a bright future. Mentoring, guidance and education cultivate and enrich individual ability. Investing in our children and youth will not only enhance their lives, it will strengthen our community. With our grant funding, we strive to create possibilities that impact the lives and future successes of children and young adults, by concentrating on programs and organizations addressing the needs and expanding the horizons of Broome County children.

###