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COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance First Round Grant Recipients

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance, led by United Way of Broome County, Community Foundation for South Central New York, The Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation, The Stewart W. and Willma C. Hoyt Foundation, George A. and Margaret Mee Charitable Foundation, and Roger Kresge Foundation, is pleased to announce the first-round grant recipients of the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. To date, the alliance has awarded grants totaling nearly \$78,000 to 7 local non-profits to ensure Broome County's most vulnerable populations receive immediate assistance and ongoing support.

Since launching the fund, over \$327,000 has been donated from local foundations, corporations, individuals, and philanthropic partners to provide organizations working on the front lines vital resources for our community. The fund includes generous donations from Visions Federal Credit Union, in the amount of \$15,000 and M&T Bank in the amount of \$25,000. "Support like this gives us the ability to truly make a difference during this crisis," said LoriAnne Welch, Executive Director, United Way of Broome County. "We're so grateful to have partners like Visions Federal Credit Union and M&T Bank. Together, we can provide both immediate relief and lasting results right here in Broome County."

We continue to receive a high volume of applications and anticipate community needs will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. With the generosity of local corporations and philanthropic partners, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance has been able to quickly provide critical funding to local nonprofit organizations. As federal CARES Act funding and public resources flow into the areas of immediate need, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance will transition funding to support longer-term recovery efforts.

Support for recovery work will be crucial in the aftermath of this public health and economic crisis. The COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance remains steadfast in our commitment to ensure all Broome County residents have the opportunity to meet their full potential.

We hope you will join us in supporting our community through a contribution to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. The fund rapidly deploys flexible resources into the community to support programs and organizations addressing the effects of the coronavirus outbreak across Broome County. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to donate via uwbroome.org/COVID19-ACTION. To donate or get more information: please visit: uwbroome.org/COVID19-ACTION or text ACTION to 85511

If you are looking for information and resources, United Way of Broome County is working to have the latest information on the COVID-19 pandemic at the federal, state, and local Broome County level available to our community. Visit uwbroome.org/latest-information-coronavirus/ to learn more.



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Recipient organizations:

- *ACHIEVE*
 - Support for 30-bed emergency respite services
- *Good Shepherd Communities Foundation*
 - Support to purchase Personal Protective Equipment
- *Jewish Community Center of Binghamton:*
 - Support for general operating to keep essential-worker childcare program open
- *Public Policy and Education Fund – Citizens Action of NY*
 - Support for community Food Giveaway on the Northside of Binghamton
- *Rescue Mission*
 - Support for general operating to maintain shelter for vulnerable adults
- *Salvation Army*
 - Support for meal programs
- *Volunteers of America*
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