



## UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES COVID-19 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

April 1, 2020- United Way of Cullman County announced today that it has committed \$5,000 from emergency resources to launch the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. Through donations from our community, business partners and the release of emergency funds, United Way's Board of Directors have established a grant process to aid nonprofits on the frontline of the pandemic.

"United Way is committed to supporting nonprofits and their work in Cullman County surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic." said Becky Goff, United Way of Cullman County, executive director. "This fund will support agencies experiencing a surge in demand for services from community members affected by the outbreak," Goff said.

Grants will specifically help local food pantries and feeding programs, assist organizations responding to emergency financial needs and help distressed nonprofits. The first phase will allow for a \$500 grant to provide a rapid-response to meet some basic needs for concerned nonprofits. Applications can be submitted by Cullman area 501 (c) 3 organizations in good standing with the State of Alabama.

"We need the financial support of the community to be able to help as many organizations in our community as possible so that they can continue to operate during the weeks and months to come," Goff said. "Your donation to these efforts through United Way will have the greatest impact."

United Way is asking the community to please donate what they can to help provide financial donations to support the fund. Grants will be approved by a volunteer committee process and applications will be available April 6th on United Way's web site: [Uwaycc.org](http://Uwaycc.org).

Donate at [uwaycc.org](http://uwaycc.org) or you can mail checks to:

United Way of Cullman County

PO Box 116

Cullman AL 35056

"United Way has been a trusted community partner for more than 40 years." Goff said. "We will do all we can to continue to help improve lives in Cullman County and support our community."

Individuals that need assistance, are asked to call 2-1-1 to find resources in our community that can provide help. If you are a nonprofit or community organization providing relief efforts, call 2-1-1 to have your information made available to the community. This is a state-wide data base that is available 24/7 and information is available in multiple languages.