$250,000 Awarded from COVID-19 Response Fund

Total grantmaking tops $905,000 to local organizations

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln and United Way of Central Illinois announced today the final round of COVID-19 Response Fund grant recipients. In total, $250,000 was awarded to the following organizations:

- AgeLinc - $50,000
- Community Child Care Connection - $50,000
- Heartland Continuum of Care - $50,000
- Midwest Mission Distribution Center - $50,000
- Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism - $50,000

This final round was granted to assist community organizations that were willing to collaborate with multiple other organizations to continue to provide essential services during the pandemic to support vulnerable populations most affected by COVID-19. The grants will help childcare facilities safely reopen, provide virtual workshops on dismantling racism, offer rent and utility assistance, supply emergency food and shelter, and replenish PPE supplies to local social service agencies.

After nine rounds of grants, $905,925 has been awarded to 85 local organizations. With support from the COVID-19 Response Fund, these organizations can continue to provide life-changing services to members of our community affected by the pandemic.

United Way and the Community Foundation will continue to monitor and evaluate the effects of the coronavirus in our community, and both organizations stand ready to help.

“As the pandemic continues, the needs will grow and evolve,” said John Kelker, president of United Way of Central Illinois. “We are proud of what has been accomplished so far, but we know there will be more work to do in the months ahead.”

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The COVID-19 Response Fund received significant support from foundations, companies and individuals. Donors contributed and pledged more than $900,000 to the COVID-19 Response Fund, including $50,000 in seed funding from the Community Foundation and United Way.

To view a complete list of individuals and corporations who have contributed to the COVID-19 Response Fund, visit www.CFLL.org or www.springfieldunitedway.org.

“We must continue to support local nonprofits of all kinds to help restore our community post-COVID-19,” said Community Foundation President and CEO John Stremsterfer. “It will take all of us working together.”

Funding is still needed to help nonprofits and other community organizations recover from the financial effects of COVID-19 and continue serving their clients. The Community Foundation and United Way are asking people to give to their organizations of choice.

For more information, visit the Community Foundation at www.CFLL.org or the United Way at www.springfieldunitedway.org.

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