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HCCF issues grants from Heart for Hancock: A Community Relief Fund

GREENFIELD, Ind. (April 28, 2020) – The Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. (HCCF) made grants to more organizations serving Hancock County that have been impacted by COVID-19.

- **Mental Health Partners of Hancock County** - \$3,000
- **Fortville Christian Church** - \$1,700
- **Shares, Inc.** - \$1,500

Mental Health Partners of Hancock County (MHP) is experiencing an influx in calls for mental health services related to trauma and grief associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19). These grant funds will help MHP talk with new clients to determine their needs, refer them to a counseling or support group provider, and subsidize any costs for service outside of what the client is able to pay.

Fortville Christian Church operates a food pantry in their building open to individuals in need every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. Due to an increase in demand and subsequent increase in community donations, the church requires additional cold storage space. This grant, coupled with church member donations, will support the purchase of an additional commercial refrigerator.

Under Governor Holcomb's orders Shares, Inc. is considered an essential operation. The nonprofit agency is a comprehensive fulfillment services and manufacturing company where individuals with disabilities work alongside professionals to provide services to customers while learning fundamental skills that will prepare them for the workforce. Many staff and participants are still working in the Hancock County location. These funds will provide touchless thermometers to check temperatures of staff and participants, as well as provide materials to make masks.

Heart for Hancock funds are designed to meet the most pressing needs of organizations directly serving individuals in the community most impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. HCCF continues to communicate with nonprofits serving Hancock County to identify areas of challenge.

HCCF is and will continue to gather intel and collaborate with other funders to make grants:

- Thoughtfully
- Effectively
- In coordination with others
- In recognition that there are limited resources and that this situation will have long reaching effects

Heart for Hancock, is a fee-free pass-through fund, established by the HCCF Board of Directors, that will allow our foundation to quickly mobilize 100% of these charitable dollars to local organizations serving Hancock County.

Our generous community is asking, "How can I help?". This is a wonderful time to use your local community foundation as a reliable resource to assist organizations that are serving neighbors in distress.

Donations may be made to Heart for Hancock online at giveHCgrowHC.org or by making checks payable to "HCCF-Heart for Hancock" and mailing to 312 E. Main St., Greenfield.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and

scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted millions of dollars since their inception in 1992.

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