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

GREENFIELD, Ind. (April 22, 2020) – The Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. (HCCF) recently made a \$5,000 grant to Love INC of Greater Hancock County from Heart for Hancock: A Community Relief Fund. These funds will support the organization’s operations as staff and volunteers navigate clients with varied needs to local resources.

“Our call volume has increased during this pandemic with requests for rental, mortgage assistance and/or housing,” reports Love INC Executive Director Karla Whisenand. “A main factor is loss of employment due to COVID-19 and being caught in a gap between job loss, worker's compensation and stimulus relief.”

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 surveyed nonprofits serving Hancock County to identify areas of challenge. Food insecurity, child and senior welfare, and rent/utility/medical assistance rose to the top. Love INC serves clients with needs in each of these areas and more.

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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