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

GREENFIELD, Ind. (April 3, 2020) – The Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. (HCCF) made grants to more organizations serving Hancock County that have been impacted by COVID-19.

- **The Landing** - \$3,000
- **Hancock County Senior Services/Hancock Area Rural Transit** - \$3,000
- **Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources** - \$3,000
- **healthy365** - \$1,000

The Landing is a recovery program for students ages 13-19. Leaders and students meet weekly for open mic, dinner, and large and small groups. However, The Landing building has closed due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). This grant will support the organization's operating budget as they move their outreach with students online while restrictions on in-person gatherings are restricted. The grant to The Landing was made possible by a component fund of HCCF - Addictions and Substance Abuse Education and Treatment Fund.

While the Hancock County Senior Services/Hancock Area Rural Transit building is closed and normal transportation services are suspended, the organization is still providing limited transportation services for kidney dialysis patients, taking phone calls and making referrals, and calling to check-in on individuals who are isolated. This grant will support the organization's needs related to serving the community during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Agape is an accredited equine-assisted activities and therapy center. Due to closure of their three locations in Cicero, Martinsville, and Greenfield, they are anticipating a \$100,000 loss in their operating budget in 2020. This grant will help the organization provide care for their herd of horses so they will be ready to serve their clients once it's safe to re-start programming.

healthy365, a program in partnership with Hancock Health, promotes health, happiness, and wholeness in Hancock County. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, healthy365 has mobilized its resources to fill service gaps in the community. They are providing transportation for essential medical needs and appointments and delivering food from the Hancock County Food Pantry to residents who are home-bound. This grant will support fuel costs for these services.

These 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.

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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