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Wayne County Foundation awards more than \$15,000 in COVID-19 Crisis Relief Grants

The Wayne County Foundation is continuing to make COVID-19 Crisis Response Grants (<http://waynecountyfoundation.org/covid-19-crisis-response-grants/>). These grants have prioritized the work of nonprofits on the front lines of this crisis. It is our hope that funding can be utilized to help mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, particularly for those who may be most vulnerable.

Because of our history of unrestricted donor support, we have been able to respond to the unexpected and changing needs in the community. Our Board was able to make funds available from unrestricted grantmaking specifically to this cause. This will not reduce the amount available for the Spring Grant cycle. Since the announcement of the crisis response grants, over \$15,000 has been distributed. The Women's Fund of the Wayne County Foundation (<http://www.waynecountywomensfund.org/>) and the Women's Giving Circle: Women Helping Others also distributed \$4,500 to meet the urgent needs of Gateway Hunger Relief and Communities in Schools.

During the last two weeks, the Wayne County Foundation connected with local agencies that are providing front line care for those affected by the COVID-19 crisis. A lot of good work is happening throughout the community and there is a tremendous amount of need. Decisions for the COVID-19 Crisis Response grants were made in an effort to address these immediate needs brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. Crisis Response Grants have been awarded to the following organizations:

- **Amigos** - provide support for the Wayne County Latino community
- **Bulldogs Helping Bulldogs** – A consortium of 5 Centerville Churches - providing fresh and pantry items for families
- **Centerstone** - for youth teletherapy engagement materials
- **Circle U** - supplies to move to take-out service
- **Communities in Schools** - support for children and families in need in Wayne County
- **Quaker Hill Conference Center** - 16 rooms are available for Reid staff serving COVID-19 patients
- **Wayne County Food Council, Inc.**- assist local farmers and producers with an online sales portal
- **YMCA** - to provide COVID-19 Essential Childcare
- **Rock Solid Ministries** – Bread Basket Meal Program

Established in 1979, the Wayne County Foundation encourages individual, family, and corporate philanthropy in order to meet current and emerging community needs. Gifts to and through the Foundation create the resources needed to address critical issues throughout the county...Today. Tomorrow. Forever.

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