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NEARLY \$340,000 DISTRIBUTED VIA COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND FOR ST. CROIX VALLEY

Organizations serving Washington & Chisago Counties receive significant support

[Hudson, April 7, 2020] –The COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley has now distributed nearly \$340,000 to 49 nonprofit organizations working to meet basic needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis. Organizations receiving grants are utilizing the funds to assist residents with food, shelter, financial assistance and mental health needs.

Nonprofit organizations serving Washington and Chisago Counties have received significant support from the COVID-19 Response Fund. This includes a \$20,000 grant to Family Means, a \$20,000 grant to Canvas Health, a \$10,000 grant to Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, and a \$10,000 grant to St. Andrew's Community Resource. **To date, 13 nonprofits serving Washington and Chisago Counties have received \$127,000 from the COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley.**

The COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley was established March 20th as a collaboration between the St. Croix Valley Foundation (SCVF), United Way St. Croix Valley (UWSCV) and United Way Washington County East (UWWCE). The Response Fund will support community organizations responding to COVID-19 related needs in Chisago and Washington counties (Minnesota) and Burnett, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties (Wisconsin).

Initial funding was provided by the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation (\$150,000), the Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation (\$150,000) and the SCVF (\$35,000). Additional commitments from local affiliated community foundations, businesses, donor advised fund holders and others has brought the fund to nearly \$400,000.

Grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley will continue to be made weekly. Local nonprofit organizations responding to basic needs are encouraged to apply at <https://www.scvfoundation.org/covid-19-form-nonprofits>. The application deadline for next week's grants is 9 a.m., Monday, April 13.

A full list of grantees to date can be found at <https://www.scvfoundation.org/covid-19>.

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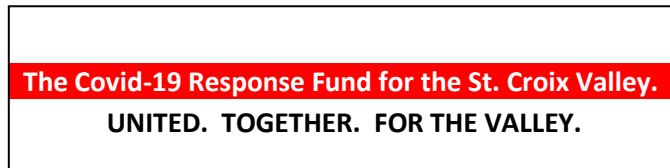
In a consolidated effort to help those most affected by COVID-19, the St. Croix Valley Foundation is waiving all administrative fees for the Covid-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley. This means (with the exception of fees charged by banks/credit card companies) that 100% of a donor's gift will be used to help those most affected by COVID-19 in the St. Croix Valley.

The COVID-19 Response Fund makes grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, groups fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or other charitable organizations able to receive tax-deductible contributions, such as schools and other public entities.

THE GRANTMAKING PROCESS

Grants from the Response Fund are recommended by an advisory committee appointed by the SCVF, UWSCV and UWWCE.

A listing of grantees is published on the websites of St. Croix Valley Foundation www.scvfoundation.org, United Way St. Croix Valley www.unitedwaystcroix.org and United Way Washington County East www.uwwce.org websites.



The St. Croix Valley Foundation is a philanthropic organization with the mission of enhancing the quality of life in the St. Croix Valley. Accredited by the Charities Review Council and the Council on Foundations' National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the SCVF serves two counties in MN (Washington, Chisago) and 4 counties in WI (Burnett, Polk, St. Croix, Pierce). Ten affiliated community foundations are hosted under the structure and guidance of SCVF. For more information contact Heather Logelin, President at hlogelin@scvfoundation.org or 715-386-9490.

The United Way St. Croix Valley helps ensure that all people in the St. Croix Valley can lead a healthy life, receive quality education, and experience financial stability. The United Way St. Croix Valley coordinates services in Polk, Pierce, St. Croix and Burnett Counties and provides the 211 Get Connected. Get Help. service (responding to immediate needs). For more information contact Ann Searles, Executive Director at ann.searles@unitedwaystcroix.org or 715-377-0203. **CALL 211 if you need help locating services.**

The United Way of Washington County-East works to unite our community and local resources to give each person the opportunity to build a better life. Areas served include river communities from Afton to Marine on St. Croix, also Woodbury, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, Hugo and Withrow. For more information contact Jessica Ryan, Executive Director at jessica.ryan@uwwce.org or 651-439-3838. **CALL 211 if you need help locating services.**