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Community Foundation and United Way Establish COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Capital Region in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFL.org) and [United Way of Central Illinois](http://www.uwcil.org) have joined together to create the **COVID-19 Response Fund** to deploy resources to community-based organizations at the frontlines of a coronavirus spread in Illinois' greater capital region. The Community Foundation and United Way have seeded the Fund with \$50,000.

Hosted by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln in partnership with United Way of Central Illinois, the **COVID-19 Response Fund** will provide resources to local nonprofit organizations in response to coronavirus in our region. The Fund has been established in coordination with Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management and Sangamon County Department of Public Health. It is designed to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address all aspects of the outbreak as efficiently as possible.

Tax-deductible contributions to the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Greater Capital Region of Illinois can be made through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln at www.CFL.org or through United Way of Central Illinois by texting "HELPNOW" to 40403 or online at <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/Nox8Qg?vid=5zdy8>.

"Strong partnerships already in place enabled our community to quickly mobilize this effort," said Community Foundation President and CEO John Stremsterfer.

"During these challenging times, there are still ways to come together to help. And we are pleased to offer leadership toward this effort," said United Way of Central Illinois President John Kelker.

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Checks made payable to the COVID-19 Response Fund can be mailed to either:

Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln
205 S. Fifth St., Suite 530
Springfield, IL 62701

OR United Way of Central Illinois
1999 Wabash, Suite 107
Springfield, IL 62704

100% of contributions will be directed to the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Grants will be administered by the Community Foundation and United Way in close collaboration with other partners. Together, we will proactively identify potential grant recipients, solicit guidance on potential recipients from community advisors, and recommend final grants.

The Fund will not be able to provide grants to individuals. However, it will support community-based organizations that have experience providing essential services and support to local residents.

Funds will be released on a rolling basis as needs emerge and fundraising permits. No administrative fee will be applied to the Fund. Any monies remaining in the Fund at the conclusion of these funding decisions will be saved and applied to a future crisis affecting the greater capital region.

It is not the intent of this Fund to be the only vehicle for getting needed resources into the community at this time. Donors are encouraged to continue to give to organizations they regularly support, and those that need help at this crucial time. The Fund has been established to help individuals and companies with an organized means to support the community.

To learn more about the COVID-19 Relief Fund, visit the Community Foundation at www.CFLL.org and the United Way at www.springfieldunitedway.org.

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