



***CSRA COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund
Announces Third Round of Grants Totaling \$121,000
\$526,000 Distributed to Local Nonprofits To Date***

United Way of the CSRA and the Community Foundation for the CSRA today announced \$121,000 will be distributed to local nonprofits in the third round of grants provided through the CSRA COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund. The United Way and Community Foundation announced the creation of this emergency fund on March 20 to provide needed resources to nonprofit organizations on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic serving our most vulnerable populations. To date, \$526,000 has been directed to local relief efforts across the first three phases of grants from the fund.

The following organizations will receive a collective \$121,000 as part of the third round of grants:

Boys and Girls Clubs of the CSRA (\$45,000) – This grant will support an online academic assistance program created by Boys and Girls Clubs of the CSRA to provide structure and support for distance learning environments. Working with youth and families enrolled in Boys and Girls Clubs, the program is designed to fill technology gaps, help parents who may not have the skills necessary to home school their children, and provide a routine that keeps the students on schedule for promotion.

theClubhou.se (\$30,000) – A small business incubator and nonprofit, theClubhou.se has been asked by various public health providers to produce personal protective equipment (PPE), particularly face masks, using their 3D printers. These dollars will

allow the Clubhouse to scale this production effort and provide PPE to local hospitals and first responders in the CSRA area. Artists and gig workers who are unemployed due to COVID-19 will be hired to help with this effort.

Miracle Making Ministries, Inc. (\$16,000) – This grant will help the Druid Park based health clinic with additional costs for PPE, staff hours and technology needs associated with COVID-19. Additionally, these dollars will provide prescription assistance for existing patients who are suffering from hardships brought about by the virus.

The Bridge Ministry of the CSRA (\$20,000) The Bridge Ministry has been on the front lines of helping the homeless and those living in extreme poverty in our community for years. This grant will help them to purchase additional food which will serve the hard to access populations in Columbia, Richmond, Wilkes, and Lincoln Counties.

The Mosaic Center (\$10,000) – This grant will help purchase food and provide other supportive services to residents who are living in Maxwell House Apartments in downtown Augusta. Many of the residents work in as-needed jobs in the hotel/hospitality industry. Due to COVID-19, most residents have not had the opportunity to work and need assistance.

For a list of all grants given to date please visit www.cfcsra.org/COVID-19Recipients

These grants have been made possible by contributions to the CSRA COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund from Augusta National Golf Club, Community Foundation for the CSRA, United Way of the CSRA, Chestnut Family Foundation, Bridgewater Fund, The Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, Georgia Power Foundation, Graphic Packaging International, Truist Foundation, Betty and Davis Fitzgerald Foundation, Bank of America and scores of individuals in our community. As the need continues to rapidly increase throughout the region, please join these community leaders and donate to the CSRA COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund today at www.uwcsra.org or www.cfcsra.org.

United Way and Community Foundation staff, with guidance from a volunteer advisory committee comprised of respected community leaders, are working together to identify needs and gaps in resources during this ongoing pandemic. Nonprofits in the community can submit grant applications through the Community Foundation website. Support funds will be released on a rolling basis throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of this crisis, making it possible to deploy resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs in subsequent funding phases.

The first few phases of grants are focused on the immediate basic needs of financially vulnerable individuals and families to help bolster resilience in affected communities. These vital needs range from housing support (including shelter, rent and mortgage); utilities and transportation assistance; and food, personal hygiene items, childcare, etc.

We anticipate our region will continue to experience economic burdens during this time. The Community Foundation for the CSRA and United Way will continue to assess the short and long-term impacts of this health and economic crisis on this area. Funding priorities may shift as our understanding of need and where we can be most impactful deepens.

In an effort to direct those most in need of immediate assistance to critical resources, individuals can get connected to United Way's free information and referral service by dialing 2-1-1, or by visiting www.211csra.org to use the Community Resources Database. Each call is completely free and confidential.

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