



HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM

Supporting Local Nonprofits and Local Businesses During COVID-19 Situation

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COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg & Rockingham County and the United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County have announced jointly the establishment of the [COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund](#). Grants from the fund will help support front line human services organizations that have deep roots in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County and strong experience working with those vulnerable in our community.

As of March 25th, \$140,345 has been raised for this effort. The Community Foundation will waive its normal Foundation Support Fee so more funds are given to those in need. This Fund will be distributed in phases. Phase one will assist with access to food and access to safe shelter. The Community Foundation and United Way will work strategically with local nonprofit organizations to provide grants to agencies to meet both immediate and long-term needs related to the impact of the virus in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area. To date, funding has already assisted with access to safe shelter. Many thanks to those who have given most generously to the Fund.

HR Business Resiliency Fund

The Regional COVID-19 Business Support Taskforce was formed to coordinate support and resources for businesses in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham area in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Regional COVID-19 Business Support Taskforce received \$50,000 from F&M Bank to assist small businesses impacted by the situation. The Taskforce has determined that the best use of these funds would be to put it in the hands of small businesses that need immediate help to ensure on-going operations, retain employees and keep this sector of the community's economy moving. Grants will be up to \$5,000, balancing the needs of individual businesses with the anticipated demand for assistance.

The Taskforce established the [HR Business Resiliency Fund](#) with the Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to accept additional donations to assist with the support to area small businesses, in an effort to help maintain the community's overall well-being in this time of uncertainty. The intent is a very quick turnaround for review and awarding of grants.'

How to Contribute to the Harrisonburg Rockingham Resiliency Fund

- Checks can be made payable to The Community Foundation for "HR Business Resiliency Fund," and mailed to: PO Box 1068, Harrisonburg, VA 22803.
- Please use the "Donate Now" button below for online gifts. Normal credit card fees apply to on-line gifts.

Taskforce members include representatives from the City of Harrisonburg Economic

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EVENT DATE CHANGE

The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg & Rockingham County has announced that the Great Community Give, slated for April 22nd has been rescheduled for **June 24th, 2020**. The GCG2020 Planning Committee considered as much relevant information as possible to unanimously agree that delaying the event was necessary.

“We have to give consideration to minimizing health risks to the nonprofit staff and volunteers until COVID-19 cases begin to subside. GCG uses countless volunteers on the day of the event. While the giving occurs online, it is also a social occasion on many levels. For the purposes of planning, we have chosen June 24th as an optimistic date and hope it turns out to be the case.” – Revlan Hill, Executive Director of The Community Foundation.

“Although a difficult decision, postponing the event is best for everyone. We feel we can have more excitement and enthusiasm by gathering again as groups. We believe the Great Community Give will be more successful for the nonprofits and less risky for health reasons later in June. We owe it to the nonprofits to help them raise the most money we can” – Amanda Bomfim, Program Officer, The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg & Rockingham County.

The Great Community Give is in its third year as a community-wide day of online giving to 100 local nonprofits. The Planning Committee hopes that in moving the date, the goal of raising \$600,000 for local nonprofits can be achieved. Planning for GCG2020 will continue through the new date of June 24.

“We encourage everyone to write a check or go online and give to your favorite community based nonprofit organization today. Our community is well known for its generosity of giving and we don’t have to wait for the Great Community Give on June 24th to make that contribution.” – Revlan Hill, Executive Director of The Community Foundation.

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