

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: WHITE COUNTY UNITED WAY DISTRIBUTES \$42,000 IN COMMUNITY RELIEF FUNDS**

To date, the White County United Way and its partners, the Community Foundation of White County, the Community Foundation of Pulaski County, and the Jasper Newton Foundation have distributed \$42,378 in Community Relief Fund dollars. Thanks to the contributions from both corporate and private donors, the Community Relief Fund assisted 11 different non-profit agencies in White, Pulaski, and Jasper counties which has positively impacted approximately 3,200 people who are serviced by these non-profits.

The Community Relief Fund was created to help non-profit service organizations that have experienced the immediate physical, social, and economic hardships that have been brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the distributed funds have assisted organizations in creating and maintaining their virtual service programs, providing them with funding to purchase other necessary materials in order to continue to provide their services, and helping them offset additional unexpected costs brought on by the pandemic.

Any non-profit social service organization that serves White, Pulaski, or Jasper County is eligible to apply for assistance through the Community Relief Fund. Organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of White County, Ralph & Lillian Fendig Summer Theatre for Children Inc., Sagamore Boy Scouts BSA, White County Junior Achievement, and Pulaski County Junior Achievement have received assistance in order to continue to provide their services to kids during the pandemic. The FIRST #7198 Fearsome Gears Robotics Team of Twin Lakes High School and Making Masks in White County have both received funding to help them continue to make masks for the community. CDC Resources and Food Finders Food Bank Inc. also received money from the Community Relief Fund to help modify their services and offset unexpected costs due to COVID-19.

Funding decisions are made by a committee of community members from all three counties and from a variety of backgrounds. Each month, they review applications based on the funding priorities published in the CRF application. Organizations seeking funds may find the application online at [whitecountyunitedway.org/communityrelief.html](http://whitecountyunitedway.org/communityrelief.html). Applications must be submitted via email by the tenth day of each month.

The Community Relief Fund is a project that is sponsored by Indiana United Ways with funding provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. The White County United Way and its partners are honored to have assisted these organizations in their time of need, and are dedicated to continuing to help local non-profit service organizations in need of assistance in the future.

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