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United Way Awards Grants to Local Nonprofits to Expand Services for those Affected by COVID-19

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, March 26, 2020 – United Way of Indian River County has announced the recipients of the first phase of grants from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. These community-based organizations are serving our community and individuals who are immediately and disproportionately suffering from this crisis.

United Way of Indian River County and a coalition of philanthropic partners have joined together to create the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, a dedicated resource for working families affected by this crisis. These one-time grants will fund organizations that have deep roots in our community and experience with providing people and families with services and support.

Nine partner agencies have been awarded funding to supply basic needs such as food and food supplies, rental assistance, utility payments, prescriptions and medical supplies not covered by insurance, and other critical unmet needs. The following organizations have been granted funds, the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council for rent assistance; the Economic Opportunities Council for utility assistance; United Against Poverty, the Treasure Coast Food Bank, and the Food Pantry of IRC for food assistance; The Source and the Salvation Army for pick-up food assistance; and the Buggy Bunch and CareNet Pregnancy Center for diapers and formula.

United Way of IRC understands many individuals and families have been affected by the outbreak and more will continue to be affected. As funds are received, UWIRC will be awarding additional grants on a rolling basis to other community-based organizations. Please visit our website, UnitedWayIRC.org for updated lists of the organizations that may be able to assist you. If you are looking for resources now, please call 211.

Thank you to the local community funders and individual donors who have joined together to help make this fund a resource for our community. It is more important than ever, during this time of uncertainty that we work together for our neighbors, to act when duty calls, and to give with open hands and an open heart. If you would like to donate, please visit our website or contact Tracey Segal at Tracey.Segal@UnitedWayIRC.org.

United Way of Indian River County (UWIRC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every community member. United Way works with local programs to provide resources to individuals and families in crisis today, while working year-round to improve community conditions and create lasting solutions. We are effectively building a strong foundation and improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of
our community. For more information about your local United Way, please call (772) 567-8900 or visit our website, UnitedWayRC.org.

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