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PHL COVID-19 Fund Provides Rapid Response to Community: \$7.3M Distributed to Nearly 200 Nonprofits in Three Weeks

More than \$2.5 million allocated to 72 regional nonprofits in third round distributions, including many serving high-risk older adult populations

PHILADELPHIA – The PHL COVID-19 Fund today announced its third round of grants, totaling more than \$2.5 million to 72 non-profit organizations serving on the frontlines of the coronavirus crisis. The Fund, launched on March 19 and led by the Philadelphia Foundation and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, has secured \$14.5 million in gifts and pledges, and granted more than \$7.3 million to 195 non-profit organizations providing vital services to individuals facing the wide-ranging and urgent consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region.

Non-profit organizations such as SOWN and the Bristol Township Senior Center, are receiving grants this week of \$30,000 and \$27,000 respectively and working diligently to provide life-sustaining services to older adults in their communities. According to the CDC, older adults (65+) are at a disproportionately higher risk for severe illness when it comes to COVID-19.

Serving an already socially isolated population, non-profit senior service providers like Bristol Township Senior Center, which is headquartered in Bucks County, are trying to help older adults maintain access to food, vital information, healthcare services and essential medications.

Part of the funds the senior center receives will be used to expand its virtual programs and engagement of clients online. “We are here to fight social isolation and the negative health effects of social isolation that older adults experience, especially under current social distancing conditions,” said Bonnie Worth, Director.

“We know that social distancing is necessary to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus, but what is often overlooked is how the act of social distancing can further isolate an already vulnerable population like older adults,” said Pedro Ramos, President & CEO of the Philadelphia Foundation. “Supporting nonprofits in the senior services sector sends a clear message: your neighbors see you, and we are here for you.”

In Philadelphia, half of the low-income older adults the SOWN organization serves live alone and an astonishing 64 percent of those individuals (who are in 60+ demographic) report depression or other mental health symptoms. Another subset of the older adult population the network assists are the grandparent-led households who, on top of their own needs, are trying to support the emotional, academic and social needs of youth. The population SOWN serves is 66% African American;

almost 100% of its clients are low-income, and most of the older adults have multiple chronic illnesses/disabilities. SOWN currently serves 70 grandparents, ranging in age from 54 to 94 years old, who are full-time caregivers raising 105 children living throughout Philadelphia.

“It takes a village,” said Marypat Tracy, LCSW, Interim Executive Director. “SOWN offers a very grateful thank you to the PHL COVID-19 Fund for ensuring that the most vulnerable members of our village, the elderly and their families, receive assistance during this devastating pandemic.”

“We hear so much about how vulnerable our senior population is to COVID-19, and in many cases those same older adults are finding themselves as the primary caretakers for young children,” said Bill Golderer. “Many are overwhelmed with juggling their own health concerns while supporting and educating their grandchildren in a socially-distanced world. This third round of grants will help older adults maintain access to critical resources and stay connected to community.”

The PHL COVID-19 Fund prioritizes supporting people who are hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis, such as seniors, people experiencing homelessness, those with disabilities, low-income residents without health insurance, people with substance abuse disorder and survivors of abuse.

The complete list of grantees for the third round of funding can be found below and is available at www.PHLCOVID19Fund.org. For more information and updates, follow the fund on Twitter at twitter.com/phlCOVID19fund.

The Fund currently totals more than \$14.5 million in pledges and contributions, including close to 4,000 online donors and dozens of other individuals, families, foundations, businesses, and institutions. **Individuals and organizations can donate and find additional information about the PHL COVID-19 Fund via www.PHLCOVID19Fund.org.**

PHL COVID-19 FUND GRANTEES: APRIL 23, 2020

Organizations that received funding in this round are:

Access Services	\$50,000
ACHIEVEability	\$50,000
Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$25,000
AtlantiCare Foundation	\$27,000
Barber National Institute	\$50,000
Bethesda Project	\$50,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region	\$50,000
Bringing Hope Home	\$30,000
Bristol Twp. Senior Center	\$27,000
Bucks County Opportunity Council	\$50,000
Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia	\$50,000
Camp Dreamcatcher, Inc.	\$10,000
Campaign for Working Families Inc.	\$50,000
Catholic Partnership Schools	\$50,000
Ceiba	\$25,000
Center for Employment Opportunities - Philadelphia	\$50,000
Christian Caring Center-Pemberton, Inc	\$50,000
Collective Success Network	\$2,500
College Possible Philadelphia	\$25,000
Community College of Philadelphia Foundation	\$50,000

Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School	\$15,000
Deer Meadows Home Health and Support Services LLC	\$5,000
Drexel Neumann Academy	\$30,000
Drexel University - 11th Street Health Center, St. Christopher's Hospital	\$50,000
Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey	\$20,000
Family Service of Chester County	\$10,000
Germantown Life Enrichment Center	\$50,000
Health Quality Partners	\$50,000
Help Hope Live	\$50,000
HELP USA	\$20,000
Home of the Sparrow	\$5,000
Hopeworks Camden	\$30,000
Human Services, Inc.	\$15,000
Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties	\$50,000
Jewish Relief Agency	\$50,000
KenCrest Services	\$50,000
Laurel House	\$50,000
Legacy Treatment Services	\$45,000
Legal Clinic for the Disabled	\$20,000
Masjidullah	\$48,000
Mastery Charter Schools Foundation	\$50,000
Mazzoni Center	\$50,000
Mothers in Charge	\$50,000
Mt. Vernon Manor CDC	\$15,000
Narberth Ambulance	\$11,000
New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia	\$38,000
North Light Community Center	\$30,000
Northeast First Aid Corps	\$47,000
One House at a Time	\$15,000
Orion Communities	\$46,000
PATH (People Acting To Help), Inc.	\$50,000
Philadelphia Mental Health Center	\$50,000
Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities	\$15,000
Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey Chapter, Inc.	\$7,000
Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc.	\$7,500
Ralston House, DBA Ralston Center, Ralston My Way	\$41,000
Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC (DBA KleinLife)	\$50,000
Roxborough Presbyterian Church	\$50,000
SeniorLAW Center	\$50,000
St. Christopher's Foundation for Children	\$30,000
SOWN	\$30,000
Team IMPACT	\$50,000
The Bridge	\$10,000
The Community Action of Development Commission	\$10,000
The Graduate! Network	\$47,000
The Puerto Rican Action Committee of Southern New Jersey	\$50,000
Uptown Entertainment and Development Corporation	\$11,000
UrbanPromise Ministries Community Development, Inc.	\$22,000
Veterans Multi-Service Center	\$50,000
VietLead	\$50,000

Women Against Abuse, Inc.	\$50,000
YoungMoms	\$5,000

About Philadelphia Foundation

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