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The Community Foundation is dedicated to Northern Colorado. Serving — and supporting— all its citizens perhaps has never been more important. While we must adapt to changes due to the novel coronavirus, we are still focused on ways to positively impact our community.



ANNOUNCING THE NORTHERN COLORADO COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and the United Way of Larimer County have established the Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund. As with other disaster response initiatives, the objective is to provide leadership and collaborative funding to support those who face the greatest need. For more information or to donate to the fund, please visit <https://www.nocofoundation.org/covid-19>.

The novel coronavirus has stunned the world and is taking its toll on every individual and organization, including our community's nonprofits. To support the response to this unprecedented challenge, this effort will provide funding to local nonprofit organizations that work with people who are disproportionately affected by the consequences of COVID-19. Initially, these recipients include human service organizations that address food insecurity, especially for youth and older adults.

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Nonprofits: [Click here to view](#) grantmaking guidelines and application instructions.

"This initiative reflects the core of why the Community Foundation exists," said Ray Caraway, Community Foundation president. "We have the infrastructure, relationships, and experience to convene community resources and respond rapidly when action is needed."

"This fund is designed to be nimble and will evolve to meet the greatest needs of the community as they unfold," said Annie Davies, United Way of Larimer County chief executive officer. "We appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Community Foundation to connect generous businesses and individuals to a meaningful and local opportunity to help those affected by the pandemic."

"The Food Bank of Larimer County is at the very front of this when it comes to food," said Amy Pezzani, Food Bank of Larimer County CEO. "We serve over 1,000 families each day."

"As a part of the emergency response plan, the Town of Estes Park is referring people who need assistance to Estes Park's Crossroads Ministry," said Brian Schaffer, the organization's executive director. "We will be delivering food boxes to those confined to their home as well as adding others to our Meals on Wheels list to receive a hot, nutritious meal"

As a basis for this initiative, the Foundation is contributing \$50,000 dollars and the United Way is contributing \$100,000. Both organizations are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from private foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors.

Grants will be distributed to nonprofit organizations throughout Larimer County through the course of the crisis. The goal is to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs. COVID-19 Response Fund expects to disburse an initial round of grants by March 31, 2020. Neither United Way nor the Foundation will charge an administrative fee for this fund.

Checks may be made payable to the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, 4745 Wheaton Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525, with COVID-19 Fund in the memo line. Visit

<https://www.nocofoundation.org/COVID-19> for additional information.

WE ARE WORKING REMOTELY

The health and safety of our staff and visitors to our office is our number one priority. Due to the state and federal recommendations regarding the novel coronavirus, the Community Foundation has closed its physical office until April 20. We remain dedicated to serving our community, and as such our entire staff is working remotely. Please contact us via phone or email during our regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Thur. and 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday. In-person meetings will be rescheduled as soon as possible as we continue to evaluate the situation. Please consider a phone call or conference call as an alternative in the near-term. Check-in on the [Foundation's Facebook page](#) periodically to see real-time updates and resources.

WHAT WILL CHANGE:

- All in-person meetings are cancelled
- Business meetings will be conducted by phone or video conference

CANCELLED: 2020 CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Community Foundation has cancelled the 2020 Celebration of Philanthropy. This decision was made with the utmost concern for the health of our community members and staff. The Community Foundation will dedicate our staff time to projects that can be a positive and helpful resource for our community during this difficult time.

Sponsors: Please check you email for communications about your sponsorship. If you have questions, contact Lizzie Gauriloff, events and communications coordinator, at lizzie@nocofoundation.org.

WAYS TO HELP

We encourage you to celebrate philanthropy by helping someone in need, donating to the Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund, or contributing directly to nonprofits that provide critical services in a time of a pandemic.

United Way of Larimer County has a helpful list of resources for individuals and families who need food, utility assistance and other resources - as well as information on how to give, volunteer, and assist our community.

Staying home to 'flatten the curve' and donating money to a nonprofit who is working on the frontlines serving fellow citizens who are the most vulnerable are two of the most critical ways you can help. However, there are other ways to help support your community right now. Here are some ideas from our staff:

- Volunteer to walk a dog for someone who cannot leave the house
- Mail letters or cards to your local nursing home
- Buy a membership to your local theater or museum
- Offer to pick up supplies or drop off a meal for someone who cannot leave the house
- Buy a gift certificate to your favorite local businesses

Please do your best to stay safe and healthy, and we will get through this together!

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