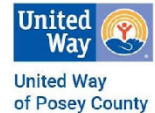


# COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE FUND

of the

# GREATER EVANSVILLE REGION

## FOUNDING FUNDERS



### Early Fund Adopters:

Chapman Family Foundation  
Bob and Lisa Jones  
Hamman Foundation  
Bussing-Koch Foundation  
Dan & Scherri Arens  
Romain family

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, we (funding partners) are establishing a cross-sector, community wide COVID-19 Response Fund of the Greater Evansville Region, primarily Gibson, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. This response is designed to serve the community through the relief, recovery, and restoration phases typical of large-scale crises to catalyze hope in a time that perpetuates hopelessness and isolation.

All partners involved agree that the current priority is to ensure responsiveness in the human services sector so that individuals and families in need are supported during this

pandemic, especially vulnerable and at-risk populations. Specifically, the Fund will seek to:

- \*Advance tactics that provide gap support (not duplicated by Federal programs) to those who are asset-limited, income-constrained and may be temporarily unemployed (ALICE)

- \*Sustain critical operations and levels of service that meet the basic needs (i.e. food, shelter and childcare) of the vulnerable and at-risk

- \*Support temporary staffing or volunteer mobilization efforts in response to loss of the volunteer base critical to essential social services

- \*Encourage and champion a movement of neighbors caring for neighbors

The purposes\* are focused on short term relief. Criteria for the recovery and restoration phases will be determined as needs and opportunities emerge in the coming months.

The founding fund partners invite the broader community to contribute to the COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund as a primary and strategic vehicle designed to meet our community's needs in the short, mid, and long term (18 month horizon).

The Fund will launch by Friday 3/27/20 with over \$1,000,000.00 committed by individual donors and initial partners to be announced. These first gifts are intended to be catalytic in creating confidence that this is a strategic united effort across multiple sectors of our community.

As the fiscal sponsor, United Way of Southwestern Indiana will accept these funds free of administrative costs and work in connection with the fund committee to seek donations in the weeks ahead. Any unused funds will be used to establish a future community crisis response fund.

Fund Advisory and Allocation Committees with members from broad-reaching, representative organizations and leaders across the region will be formed to work to identify organizations to which the fund will make initial contributions. The committee will make timely and informed grant-making decisions and we expect that there will be multiple rounds of investment based on evolving needs over time. Organizations receiving grants will be required to report on use of the monies granted.

**For questions regarding the COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund of Greater Evansville Region**, please contact Amy Canterbury at United Way of Southwestern Indiana or Pat Creech at Welborn Baptist Foundation.

### **[COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund Commitment Form](#)**

\*As the crisis unfolds, if we find that the need diminishes in these community areas, we want to assure you as a valued donor that United Way SWIN, along with the Fund Advisory and Allocation Committees, will be working to identify and address the most critical needs in our communities.

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#### **Simple Definitions:**

Relief – meet immediate need, a temporary fix for now

Recovery – a transitional foothold, for a ‘new normal’

Restoration – a transformational foundation, for what’s next