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Community Coalition Grants Immediate Funds to Local Organizations

Local organizations provide immediate funding to area nonprofits on the front line of crisis

Grand Haven, Mich. – The newly formed community coalition created to respond to the COVID-19 crisis has granted \$30,750 to date from the Emergency Human Needs Fund to seven area nonprofit organizations that are helping our community in this time of crisis. Funding is provided on behalf of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area (CFHZ), the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF), and the Greater Ottawa County United Way.

Nonprofit agencies in Ottawa County have committed to keeping people fed, housed, and healthy as best as they can. But these organizations face challenges as they balance their missions with the additional workload of managing the threat of COVID-19. In response to this need, the following funds have been granted to assist with food and basic needs:

- \$750 to Barnabas Ministries
- \$5,000 to Community Action House
- \$5,000 to Good Samaritan Ministries
- \$5,000 to Kids Food Basket (Holland)
- \$5,000 to Love in Action
- \$5,000 to Love Inc of Allendale
- \$5,000 to Love Inc of Hudsonville for food

There are vulnerable populations in our community who will need ongoing care and support, and as COVID-19 spreads these individuals may face increased barriers in accessing vital services. The community coalition has created a website to help with the rising need for volunteers and

donations of both goods and funds: www.careottawacounty.com. Please continue to access the website for ongoing updates.

As our community prepares for an uncertain next few weeks and months, we know the steps we can take to reduce infection and prevent spread: wash your hands often, avoid/reduce close contact with others, & clean/disinfect your home frequently.

This is a time of great need, and the natural human impulse is to help our neighbors, so join us in helping in any way that you can.

ABOUT THE GHACF

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 Community Foundation in the nation and is the 8th largest community foundation in the State of Michigan. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector. For more information visit ghacf.org.

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