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The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Announces Additional \$25,000 Committed for Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund for Local COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Relief Efforts

March 19, 2020 – Peoria, IL: The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI), announced that in addition to contributions from community members, the CFCI Board of Directors has committed an additional \$25,000 to make initial grants from the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund.

Mark Roberts, President and CEO of CFCI, states: “We are beginning to understand the preliminary recovery needs, including access to and distribution of food. At this time, we invite and encourage donors, including individuals, corporations, private foundations and all others, to donate to the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund in support of local COVID-19 relief efforts.”

Contributions are already being accepted. How to donate:

- Credit card donations can be made online through the CFCI website at communityfoundationci.org. Please designate to the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery.
- Checks can be mailed to the CFCI office at 3625 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604. Please include Central Illinois Disaster Recovery in the memo.
- Text **CFCI** to 50155.

The Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will be used to provide grant support to nonprofit organizations engaged in meeting emerging community needs related to the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). An advisory committee will make recommendations to the CFCI Board of Directors about where unmet needs and funding gaps exist. Grants will then be made to community-based organizations that are directly supporting local residents and families who are most affected by emerging health, economic, and social impacts. Details regarding the application process will be forthcoming.

All contributions are tax-deductible, and no portion of the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will be used for CFCI’s administrative or operational expenses. For more information contact the CFCI office at 309-674-8730 or email mark@communityfoundationci.org.

About the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

Established in 1985, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information please call 309-674-8730 or visit communityfoundationci.org.

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