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The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Announces Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund Accepting Donations for Local COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Relief Efforts

March 16, 2020 – Peoria, IL: The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI), announced today the organization will begin accepting donations in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to address emerging community needs in central Illinois.

The Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will accept tax-deductible donations that 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 from the fund to help address those needs.

Mark Roberts, President and CEO of CFCI, states: “At this time, we are encouraging 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. The scope of how the coronavirus is impacting central Illinois is rapidly evolving, and CFCI stands ready to assist. We invite the financial support of all community members in helping to meet key community needs at this time.”

Contributions are already being accepted. How to donate:

- Credit card donations can be made online through the CFCI website at communityfoundationci.org.
- 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.

Please designate your gift for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. 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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