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**The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Awards \$112,000 for Local COVID-19 Relief Efforts**

May 6, 2020 – Peoria, IL: The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) is pleased to announce the first round grant recipients of the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. CFCI received more than 50 applications and was able to fund 23 organizations, including \$20,000 going to the Heart of Illinois United Way to further support their grantmaking related to COVID-19. These grants will provide flexible financial support to nonprofit partners within the CFCI service area, who are responding to increasing needs as a result of COVID-19.

Heart of Illinois United Way - \$20,000	Family Core - \$4,000
Heart of Illinois Harvest - \$5,000	Greater Peoria Family YMCA - \$4,000
Mackinaw Community Center Food Pantry Inc. - \$5,000	Heartland Health Services - \$4,000
Open Heart Food Bank - \$5,000	Midwest Food Bank Peoria - \$4,000
Peoria Grown - \$5,000	Neighborhood House - \$4,000
Peoria Public Schools Foundation - \$5,000	Peoria Friendship House - \$4,000
Safe Families for Children Alliance - \$5,000	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois -\$4,000
St. Paul's Episcopal Church - \$5,000	The Center For Youth and Family Solutions -\$4,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria -\$4,000	The Salvation Army Peoria -\$4,000
Center for Prevention of Abuse - \$4,000	Illinois Ability Sports - \$3,000
Children's Home Association of Illinois - \$4,000	New Life Christian Church of Peoria Illinois - \$2,000
Crittenton Centers - \$4,000	

Mark Roberts, President and CEO of CFCI, states: "CFCI is thankful we can support our nonprofit partners in their service to the community. We know the need is great, and that many nonprofits need our help now more than ever. We invite donors, including individuals, corporations, private foundations and all others, to donate to the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund to help magnify our support of local COVID-19 relief efforts."

**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](http://communityfoundationci.org).

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