



Impact Story Chicago Unites to Care for Community

United, our city is meeting the moment. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our neighbors—from West Chicago to Elgin to the South Shore—have united around a common goal: to take care of each other. Chicagoans have given their time to make masks, organize supply drives and deliver meals to their neighbors.

The incredible community organizations and nonprofit workers on the front lines of the crisis have quickly and creatively come together to ensure individuals and families can put food on the table, keep a roof over their head and pay their bills during this time of uncertainty.

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“[The assistance] helps with food and bills while waiting for unemployment. It’s truly, truly a blessing,” said Clarence, a bar porter who was laid off. “I’m so stressed and nervous about my sisters and daughter being medical and essential employees. This allows me to worry about their health, not my bills.”

And thousands of individuals, families, businesses and foundations are helping these organizations keep their doors open and serve more people. Together, these donors pledged more than \$35 million to the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund in just four short months.

Launched by United Way of Metro Chicago and The Chicago Community Trust, in partnership with the City of Chicago, the Fund provided a way for people to make a difference when our community needed it the most.

“Thank you for setting this up,” wrote two donors. “You’re making it easy to help those who need it most during this unprecedented crisis. Be safe. Be well.” ■

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