



Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

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Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund announces first wave of grant recipients

***A 20-person Advisory Board releases the names of the nonprofits
that will receive the initial grants to address the needs of the region's most vulnerable
communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic***

Kansas City, MO: The Advisory Board of the **Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund** has announced its first wave of recipients. Over \$2.6 million in aid will be sent to 56 area nonprofits for housing support, food assistance, access to healthcare, and other critical human services.

“At a time when our region is facing an unprecedented demand on human services, I’m proud this partnership has seen everyone in the community coming together to take action and make a real difference,” said **United Way of Greater Kansas City President & CEO Brent Stewart**. “The programs and organizations benefitting from this first round of grants are those on the front lines of providing the most urgent of basic needs. They are invaluable, and we thank them for their efforts. And, we thank each and every individual and organization whose contributions made this possible.”

“Thanks to our community’s generosity, the Fund was able to quickly collect and deploy resources to address critical needs in vulnerable populations,” said **Debbie Wilkerson, President & CEO, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation**. “But this is only the beginning. There are more rounds of grants to come.”





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Additional grants will be released on a rolling basis as fundraising continues and needs are identified throughout all phases of the crisis.

Initial grant recipients include:

- Avenue of Life
- Bishop Sullivan Center
- Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph
- Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
- Center of Grace
- City Union Mission
- Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City
- Community LINC
- Community Services League
- Connecting For Good
- Cross-Lines Community Outreach
- Della Lamb Community Services
- Don Bosco Centers
- East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corp.
- El Centro
- Fairmount Community Center
- Feed Northland Kids
- Food Equality Initiative
- Friends of Yates
- Giving the Basics
- Grandview Assistance Program
- Guadalupe Centers
- Harvesters
- Health Partnership Clinic, Inc.
- Heart of America Indian Center
- Heart to Heart International
- Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica, Inc.
- Hope Faith
- Johnson County Mental Health Center
- Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet
- KC CARE Health Center
- Kearney Enrichment Council
- Kim Wilson Housing
- Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope
- Lee's Summit Social Services
- Love INC of Clay County
- Metro Lutheran Ministry
- Newhouse
- Northland Shepherd's Center
- PACES, Inc.
- Platte Senior Services, Inc.
- reStart, Inc.
- Rose Brooks Center
- Safehome
- Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center
- SAVE, Inc.
- Sharon Lee Family Health Care
- Shepherd's Center KC Central
- Shepherd's Center of Raytown
- Swope Health Services
- Synergy Services, Inc.
- United Inner City Services
- Veterans Community Project
- Vibrant Health
- Working Families' Friend
- Wyandot Center





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The Advisory Board of the Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

The 20-member Advisory Board is made up of foundation, civic and community representatives who oversee the Fund. These individuals have both an understanding of the community's needs and the charitable organizations that work to serve those needs, and they work together to assess potential grant recipients. The members of the board include:

- Mayra Aguirre, Hall Family Foundation
- Julie Brewer, United Community Services of Johnson County
- Rita Cortes, Menorah Heritage Foundation
- Micah Rose Emerson, Community Representative
- Carla Gibson, REACH Healthcare Foundation
- Geoff Jolley, LISC Greater Kansas City
- Jan Kauk, North Kansas City School Board of Education
- Randy Lopez, Kansas City Kansas Public Schools Board Member
- Jim MacDonald, United Way of Greater Kansas City
- McClain Bryant Macklin, Civic Council of Greater Kansas City
- Maureen Mahoney, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas
- Denise St. Omer, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
- Rachel Russell, Community Representative
- Debbie Sosland-Edelman, The Sosland Foundation
- Carrie Stewart, William T Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank Trustee
- Qiana Thomason, Health Forward Foundation
- Randy Vance, Sunderland Foundation
- David Warm, Moderator, Mid-America Regional Council
- Michele Watley, Shirley's Kitchen Cabinet
- Carey Wilkerson, The H & R Block Foundation and the Marion and Henry Bloch Charitable Foundation





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Donor Update

Since the launch of the Fund in March, dozens of new organizations have made significant donations to the fund.

These funders include:

- Academy Bank
- Ann and Gary Dickinson Family Charitable Foundation
- Bank of America
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
- Burns & McDonnell Foundation
- Cerner Foundation, First Hand
- Cloud L. Cray Foundation
- CommunityAmerica Foundation
- Compass Minerals
- Coventry Family Foundation
- Dave and Dee Dillon Charitable Fund
- Deloitte
- Delta Dental of Missouri
- Evergy
- Francis Family Foundation
- Gautreaux Family Fund
- GEHA
- General Motors
- Gray Family Foundation
- Hulston Family Foundation
- Humana
- JDC Family Foundation
- Jedel Family Foundation
- JMW & Associates, LLC
- John W. & Effie E. Speas Memorial Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee
- Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas
- Kao Family Foundation
- Kiewit
- Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Wachstein & their son Julius & Thau Family Trust Fund
- Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation
- Parris Communications
- PNC Foundation
- Price Brothers Charitable Foundation
- PWC Charitable Foundation
- Steve and Carole Price Charitable Foundation
- Stuart A. Schlemmer Charitable Fund
- Tension Envelope Corporation
- The Abe & Anna Bograd Memorial Trust
- The DeBruce Foundation and Paul and Linda DeBruce
- The Granary Fund in memory of Pat and Cliff Jones
- The Ronald D. Deffenbaugh Foundation
- Tim and Elin Murphy Family Foundation
- TruckMovers
- U.S. Bank
- VanTrust Real Estate
- William G. McGowan Charitable Fund

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Questions? Who to Contact:

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Individuals Who Want to Donate: [Donate here](#)

Nonprofits in Need:

Complete [this form](#)

Individuals in Need: Contact United Way 211 by dialing 211 on your phone to reach trained, caring professionals seven days a week, 24 hours a day, or visit 211kc.org.

Website: <https://www.growyourgiving.org/covid>

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About the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation helps donors make the world a better place. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in Greater Kansas City by increasing charitable giving, educating and connecting donors to community needs they care about, and leading on critical community issues.

About United Way of Greater Kansas City

United Way of Greater Kansas City has played a unique leading role in the philanthropic community for more than 100 years. United Way’s mission is to improve lives by mobilizing Greater Kansas City’s collective generosity for the greatest good. To achieve that goal, United Way uses its experience and expertise to assemble the most promising and results-driven service agencies and programs and the most generous volunteers and donors to provide the farthest-reaching network of support for those in need in the greater Kansas City area. We are Kansas City taking care of its own.

About the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)

Mid-America Regional Council serves as the nonprofit association of city and county governments and the metropolitan planning organization for the bistate Kansas City region. Governed by a board of 33 local elected officials, MARC provides a forum for the region to work together to advance social, economic and environmental progress throughout the region.

About LISC Greater Kansas City (Local Initiatives Support Corporation)

One of our country’s oldest and largest community development financial institutions, LISC works together with residents and partners to forge resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity – great places to live, work, visit, do business, and raise families. LISC Greater Kansas City supports projects on the ground throughout our entire region that grow community pride and revitalize neighborhoods into healthy, sustainable communities. By responding to the visions of neighborhood partners, LISC focuses on addressing affordable housing, financial stability, and economic development through a lens of racial equity.

