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Community Coalition Provides Additional Funding to Area Nonprofits

Local organizations provide additional immediate funding to area nonprofits on the front line of crisis

Grand Haven, Mich. – The community coalition created to respond to the COVID-19 crisis has granted an additional \$22,000 from the Emergency Human Needs Fund to five area nonprofit organizations that are helping our community in this time of crisis. Nonprofit agencies in Ottawa County have committed to keeping people fed, housed, and healthy as best as they can. But these organizations face challenges as they balance their missions with the additional workload of managing the threat of COVID-19.

In response to this need, the following funds have been granted:

- \$1,000 to Misión Holland
- \$5,000 to Rest Haven
- \$1,000 to Ripple Effect
- \$5,000 to Senior Resources of West Michigan
- \$10,000 to West Michigan Hispanic Center*

This latest grant round brings the total granted from the fund to \$873,310. Funding is provided on behalf of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area (CFHZ), the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF), and the Greater Ottawa County United Way (GOCUW).

^{*} for additional translation services due to a high volume of initial interest

The community coalition has created a website to help with the rising need for volunteers, donations of both goods and funds, and ongoing updates: www.careottawacounty.com.

Donations have continued to come in, and the generosity of our community will allow us to further respond to this crisis.

This is a time of great need, and the natural human impulse is to help our neighbors, so join us in helping in any way that you can.

ABOUT THE GHACF

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 Community Foundation in the nation and is the 8th largest community foundation in the State of Michigan. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector. For more information visit ghacf.org.