

Henderson County COVID-19 Response Fund In Action

Who could have ever predicted the very different world in which we now find ourselves? Changes and challenges have completely rerouted lives. When Henderson County began being affected by the coronavirus disruptions, the giving hearts of our community stepped up to support our local nonprofits, which began seeing an immediate increase in requests for services.

In March, United Way of Henderson County and Community Foundation combined efforts to establish the Henderson County COVID-19 Response Fund to offer a charitable giving avenue for those wishing to help our local community. Since then, more than \$400,000 has been contributed to the Response Fund by generous community members.

Local leaders and institution representatives collaborated to create an advisory committee in an effort to quickly address community needs. After reviewing applications and an analysis of needs, \$439,236 was granted to 41 nonprofits that provide essential services.

Multiple services were made possible by donations to the COVID-19 Response Fund. From mental health services for local children and youth, to rent and utility assistance and weekly food delivery to homebound seniors, community members found relief. In addition, families with infants and toddlers easily accessed free diapers and formula at a drive-through center. As good stewards of community resources, nonprofits provided these services and many others to those impacted by the disruptions of COVID-19.

It is in trying times such as these in 2020 that the generous spirit of Henderson County can be seen and felt. Neighbors are helping neighbors and the COVID-19 Response Fund is evidence of the open hearts that give. Community Foundation is sincerely grateful for each and every person who in difficult times supported the community we so dearly love.

Taking care of ourselves and our loved ones comes first. Then we need to think of our neighbors. Some fortunate souls will find their income this quarter is more than sufficient for their needs, especially with our crimped lifestyles and the delay in tax obligations. I can recommend no better way to help your neighbors than by donating to the Henderson County COVID-19 Response Fund, which is administered by the Community Foundation of Henderson County and United Way of Henderson County, both reputable organizations with long histories of service. This is where your donations end up making a big difference in people's lives. Thank you for stepping up while others fall back!

Dr. John M. Rathbun,
COVID-19 Response Fund Donor



Children & Family Resource Center was awarded grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund to setup a recurring drive-through at their office that provided free diapers, baby wipes, and formula to Henderson County families with infants and toddlers.



To protect the health of Meals on Wheels clients and volunteers, Council on Aging staff quickly pivoted their meal delivery process by driving routes themselves to drop-off frozen meals to more than 300 clients each week. They also kept their office open so that clients receiving liquid nutrition could still access their food.



With a \$10,000 grant from the COVID-19 Response Fund, Fishes and Loaves food pantry at Etowah United Methodist Church was able to expand their capacity with the purchase of a commercial freezer. The grant also helped extend their summer lunchbox program for local children into the 20-21 school year.



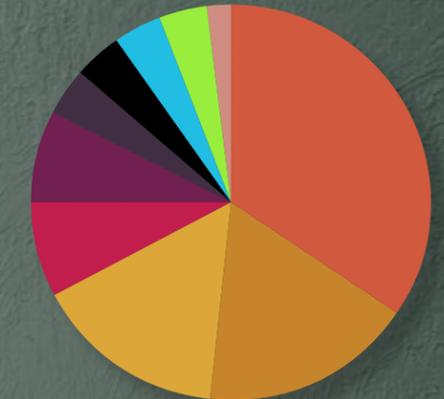
A vital service for countless families in Henderson County is the Boys & Girls Club. In order to keep their facility clean so that children could attend safely, more time and dollars had to be put towards sanitizing each day. Grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund helped with those costs so that children could continue attending and learning.

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Organizations have been recommended for grants from the Henderson County COVID-19 Response Fund

\$439,236

has been awarded, as of September 3, 2020.



Food Assistance	\$138,933
Rent, Utility & Living Expense Assistance....	\$80,623
Child Care/Services	\$67,600
Baby Supplies	\$36,850
Sanitizing Supplies & Protective Equipment....	\$31,000
Domestic Violence Support.....	\$20,350
Mental Health Support.....	\$20,066
Medical Services	\$20,000
Senior Care/Services	\$13,814
Legal Services.....	\$10,000