Community Foundation of Marshall County Announces Disaster Recovery Fund in response to COVID-19 Pandemic

The Community Foundation of Marshall County (CFMC) has established the Marshall County Disaster Recovery Fund (MCDRF) to support our most negatively impacted populations as they face the effects of COVID-19. The MCDRF provides an opportunity for the public to give with the reassurance their donations will be used to quickly move resources to where they are most needed and to adapt to evolving needs. The flexibility of the fund will ensure that the community will be able to respond to needs that are not being met, local, state and federal programs and also support non-profit organizations to expand their operations to meet increased needs.

The Community Foundation’s Advisory Board and the Martha-Ellen Tye Foundation have already committed funds to the MCDRF. To join us in giving to support our community through these uncertain times via this link for online giving [www.desmoinesfoundation.org/marshallcountydisasterfund](http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/marshallcountydisasterfund) or visiting the CFMC website at [www.cfmarshallco.org](http://www.cfmarshallco.org).

CFMC Executive Director, Julie Hitchins stated “I am pleased that CFMC is able to provide a centralized giving opportunity for donors and we will then partner with local non-profits to provide immediate assistance for the citizens of Marshall County most adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic”.

Dollars received will first focus on disproportionately affected communities by addressing economic needs and health challenges of populations negatively impacted by COVID- 19 related closures and other effects of the outbreak. The long-term application of the fund will focus on additional needs that are not being met by existing non-profit, local, state and federal programs that will inevitably arise.

We may not know what tomorrow will bring, but thanks to support of the MCDRF we have the confidence that we stand ready to meet the challenge. Our community has proven time and time again that we are better together and this collaborative spirit will once again prevail as we support our neighbors in need.

**About the Community Foundation of Marshall County**

The Community Foundation of Marshall County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, has been created by and for the people of Marshall County. The Community Foundation’s primary goals are to support charitable projects in programs throughout our county and to assist donors in creating lasting legacies through a variety of giving options.