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Local Nonprofits Awarded Support from Bucks County COVID-19 Recovery Fund

FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa., March 31, 2020 – Bucks County COVID-19 Recovery Fund, established in March by United Way of Bucks County with additional funding from Penn Community Bank, is continuing to support the Bucks County community through local nonprofits.

Ivins Resource Center, Greater Philadelphia Diaper Bank, Salvation Army Lower Bucks Corps, and Emergency Relief Association were each awarded their first grant from the fund. Penndel Mental Health Center was awarded a second grant.

“The Ivins Resource Center is extremely grateful to United Way of Bucks County and its partners for this emergency grant. It will help us expand our capacity to serve more shut-ins and other vulnerable residents of Lower Bucks County and keep them safe from Corona virus,” says Eric Stark, a Bucks County nonprofit leader and consultant at Ivins Resource Center.

Ivins Resource Center is using the grant to ensure that prepared meals and groceries can be delivered directly to vulnerable seniors – particularly low-income seniors who are unable to leave home due to COVID-19 concerns. The agency has significantly expanded service to older residents over the past few weeks. They offer contact-free delivery.

Greater Philadelphia Diaper Bank, which has seen a significant increase in need in the past weeks, will provide more than 15,000 diapers in addition to what they are already distributing in Bucks County. They want to be sure that parents of young children get the help they need.

Salvation Army Lower Bucks Corps is using their grant to provide rental assistance to families whose income has been disrupted by COVID-19. Salvation Army has a track record of effectively supporting clients during difficult times – particularly those who need help with basic needs.

Emergency Relief Association Food Pantry will use the grant to restock their shelves, including food and personal care items. Prior to COVID-19, the agency was serving approximately 630 children, 686 adults, and 205 seniors each month. The need is growing, and the funds are urgently needed.

Penndel Mental Health Center is using the funds to provide food and shelter for those who are homeless and experiencing serious and persistent mental illness. This will include tents for those who are displaced, but do not wish to utilize shelters. The nonprofit will also get more Personal Protective Equipment for their staff who continue to assist clients – including those who are unsheltered – in person during the COVID crisis.



United Way of Bucks County Member Agencies will continue to submit grant applications on a rolling basis. Applications are reviewed quickly by a panel of business and nonprofit leaders. Payments are released immediately to ensure that people who experience a financial crisis due to COVID-19 get help quickly.

Bucks County COVID-19 Recovery Fund is supported by United Way of Bucks County, Penn Community Bank, PECO, Dow, Foundations Community Partnership, Bucks County Foundation, Barra Foundation, Janssen, and many individual donors in Bucks County.

Additional funds are badly needed. Donations can be made at uwbucks.org/COVIDrecovery or by mailing a check to United Way of Bucks County, 413 Hood Boulevard, Fairless Hills, PA 19030, with COVID recovery in the memo line.

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