United Way of York County’s newly established York County COVID-19 Relief Fund has granted more than $100,000 to local nonprofits that provide food, housing/emergency shelter, and youth engagement/teen mental health assistance to York County residents.

The first round of funding was distributed in mid-April, and the second round will be distributed by May 11th. A third round of funding for nonprofits will happen in late May as additional community needs are assessed.

“The needs of individuals and families and the increased demand on nonprofit services during this time are staggering,” noted Barb Wentworth, UWYC’s President & CEO. “We are grateful to everyone working each day to meet these challenges and we are thankful to be able to support their efforts.”

The grants are due to the incredible generosity of donors who have given directly to UWYC’s COVID-19 Relief Fund, as well as those donors who took part in the Maine United telethon on NewsCenter Maine in early April. Locally, the York County COVID-19 Relief Fund has raised over $135,000 to date.

Those wishing to donate can text COVIDMAINE to 41444 to contribute to the fund, or go to our website. No fees will be taken from donations — 100 percent of the resources raised will go to nonprofits helping with food, housing and emergency shelter, and youth engagement/teen mental health in York County. Checks can be mailed to: United Way of York County, P.O. Box 727, Kennebunk, ME 04043 with “COVID Relief” in the memo area.
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healthcare workers at Southern Maine Health Care. Funky Bow Brewery in Lyman recently held a food drive that United Way staff delivered to the York County Shelter Program’s Food Pantry in Alfred. UWYC also worked with Arundel Ford to help Youth Full Maine with a van to deliver food to its clients. UWYC continues to seek out partnerships that will benefit the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you to all of the companies and organizations that have reached out to us, we appreciate that you think of United Way as a valuable resource to turn to!

UWYC was able to connect Youth Full Maine with Arundel Ford, which has donated a van for the organization to distribute food to students in need.

Thank you to Starbucks stores in Scarborough, Saco, and Biddeford for coffee and food donations that UWYC staff are delivering to Southern Maine Health Care locations in April and May!

Emergency Room staff at Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford were the first recipients of the Starbucks weekly coffee and calorie donations.

Kim LaChance of Southern Maine Health Care in Sanford received the Starbucks’ coffee and calorie donations in mid April.

UWYC NEWS

- The search committee for our next President & CEO has been conducting interviews and expects to have news of a hire at the Board Meeting on May 28.
- Our Annual Meeting has been cancelled, but will be incorporated into the May Board of Directors meeting.
- Coronavirus has delayed Day of Caring until the fall. Stay tuned for more details as we continue to adjust schedules due to COVID-19.

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