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\$200,000 Awarded From Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund

THOMASVILLE, Georgia, April 20, 2020 – The Community Foundation of South Georgia officially announced the first grants being awarded from the COVID-19 Relief Fund today. In response to the pandemic, the Foundation awarded 40 grants totaling \$200,000 to nonprofit organizations across South Georgia. Grants were directed to organizations working on the frontlines of the relief effort and are serving those most at-risk including seniors, children, and low-income or food-insecure individuals with access to basic needs.

“We know that all of the communities we serve have been impacted by this virus,” said David Carlton, Community Foundation executive director, “so we were moved to work quickly to approve grants to provide relief to those that need it most and ensure that organizations that touch all of our service area, including rural areas, receive this funding in a timely manner.”

Nearly \$500,000 has been raised so far from CFSGA’s donor advised funds, local foundations and foundations and corporations outside of South Georgia and the state. The Community Foundation will continue its fundraising efforts to support this fund. Another round of grants will be considered by the Community Foundation board’s grants committee and distributed by mid-May. A full listing of grants made from the COVID-19 Relief Fund can be found by visiting the Community Foundation’s website: www.cfsga.net.

In order to deploy resources quickly, the Community Foundation is not accepting applications for funding. Instead, the Foundation is working with community leaders and partners who work closely with those who are most vulnerable, to better understand the organizations meeting the most critical needs of South Georgians during this time. If you would like to tell the Community Foundation more about how your nonprofit organization is responding to COVID-19, please fill out the [COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Inquiry form](#) and email it to Claire Bowen at cbowen@cfsga.net.

About the Community Foundation

Founded in 1996 by a group of philanthropic individuals, The Community Foundation of South Georgia is a 501(c)3 charitable, nonprofit organization created to establish, manage and distribute funds to qualified organizations. CFSGA currently manages over 360 funds and endowments and has granted over \$100 million since inception to charities across South Georgia and beyond.