



DELAWARE COUNTY RAPID RESPONSE FUND

2025 IMPACT REPORT



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are deeply grateful for your support and commitment to Delaware County through The Foundation for Delaware County and The Community's Foundation.

In the fall of 2025, our community faced a critical moment. Families across Delaware County were already grappling with significant challenges—gaps in health care, food and housing instability, and the rising cost of living. The closure of Crozer Health, ongoing economic hardships, and funding cuts and delays at the federal and state levels created enormous gaps in services—gaps no single organization could fill alone.

Fortunately, Delaware County has a long and proud tradition of coming together in times of need.

When SNAP benefits were paused, we asked our community to join us in launching the Delaware County Rapid Response Fund. Within weeks, donors large and small stepped up to support the effort, and to date, nearly \$150,000 has been distributed through emergency grants to nonprofits on the front lines of supporting Delco families. We are incredibly proud of our generous community.

When it comes to generating the resources needed to drive meaningful change, we are stronger together. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fund and who continues to support our work. The Rapid Response Fund is not going away. In fact, it was set up in perpetuity, so it will be available when the next crisis impacts our community.

This is why Community Foundations exist.

We bring together donors, philanthropic organizations, government, and nonprofits to respond to urgent local needs and work collectively toward solutions, and we get things done.

Enclosed in this report, you will find the nonprofits supported through the Delaware County Rapid Response Fund and the funders who gave so generously to make this work possible.

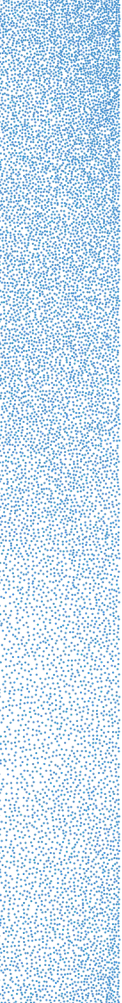
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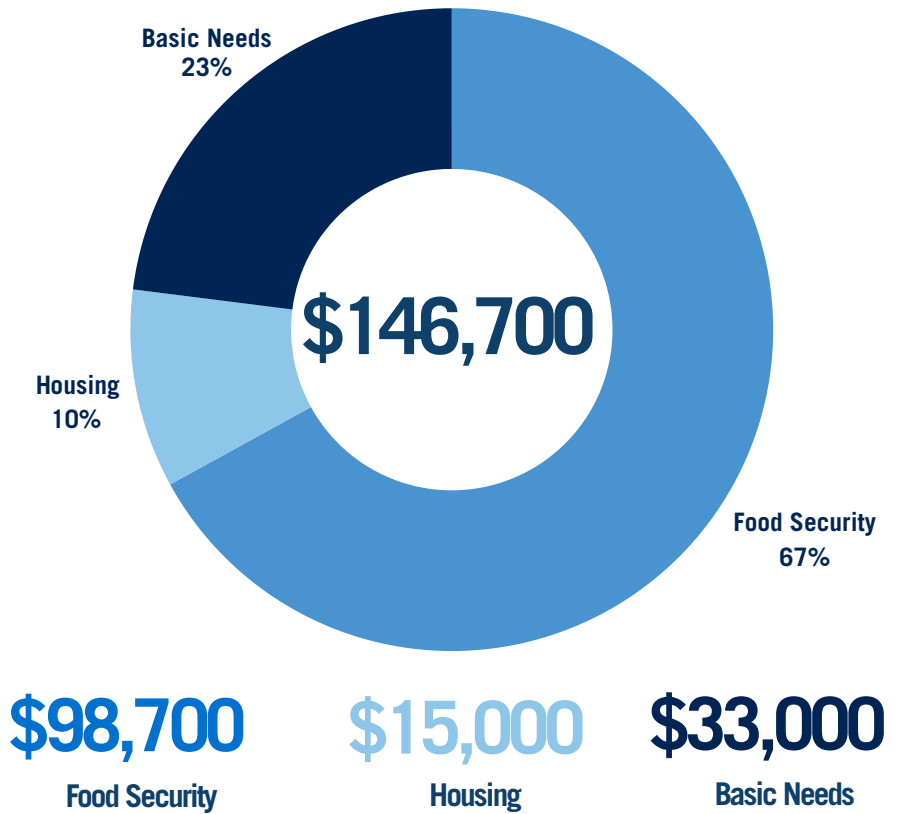
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Grants Distributed by Cause Area



In November 2025, as families across Delaware County struggled to meet their basic needs amid rising prices, disruptions in SNAP benefits, and uncertainty caused by ongoing budget and policy changes, The Foundation for Delaware County and The Community’s Foundation activated the Delaware County Rapid Response Fund to help address these challenges.

Each Foundation seeded the fund with an initial investment of \$25,000, totaling \$50,000. Additional philanthropic partners, led by a \$50,000 grant from the Saunders House Foundation, quickly joined the effort, strengthening our ability to respond.

The Rapid Response Fund was designed to support nonprofits already stretched thin by reduced federal funding, the federal government shutdown, and delays in the state budget. These pressures contributed to significant hardships for thousands of Delaware County residents struggling to meet basic needs such as food, health care, and housing.

While community needs far exceeded available resources, the Fund delivered critical emergency grants to frontline nonprofits experiencing surging demand for services. Within the first week of announcing the opportunity, more than 30 organizations applied, demonstrating the extraordinary level of need across our community.

The organizations selected for funding are trusted partners with deep roots in Delaware County. Through their leadership and tireless work, emergency support reached vulnerable neighbors when it was needed most.



Murphy's Giving Market

Desiree Murphy Morrissey
Executive Director

“The Rapid Response Fund grant arrived at a critical moment. As rising food costs, SNAP changes, and funding uncertainty increased demand at Murphy’s Giving Market also increased exponentially. This support allowed us to purchase food and other essentials to ensure no family was turned away. It reinforced our role as a lifeline and a place of dignity, respect, and stability for our community during an incredibly challenging year.”



Grant Recipients

[AFA Agency: All For All Agency](#)

\$5,000 to provide emergency food assistance to residents of the William Penn School District.

[BFRIN](#)

\$4,000 to provide essential food to residents of Delaware County through weekly food pantries located in Ridley Park, Tinicum, and Upper Darby.

[Caring for Friends](#)

\$5,000 to support restocking partner pantries and Homebound Meals recipients in Delaware County.

[CCSA Foundation](#)

\$5,000 to provide emergency food assistance to families at CCSA who are food insecure due to recent reductions or loss of SNAP benefits.

[Chester Eastside, Inc.](#)

\$5,000 to address food insecurity in Delaware County.

[Chester Housing Initiative, Inc.](#)

\$10,000 to expand the number of food boxes for families and increase the amount of food in each box.

[Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. \(CAADC\)](#)

\$5,000 to provide food vouchers and to increase support for CAADC's food pantry.

[Delco Helping Hands Association](#)

\$5,000 to expand support for families experiencing food insecurity in Delaware County.

[Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.](#)

\$10,000 to provide emergency housing support resulting from the loss of funding from FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

[Drexel Neumann Academy](#)

\$5,000 to provide food support to students at Drexel Neumann Academy.

[Family Support Line](#)

\$5,000 to provide essential services resulting from the loss of government funds.

[Feeding The 4,000](#)

\$2,500 to sustain and expand essential food services during this period of economic disruption.

[Health Educated, Inc.](#)

\$5,000 to directly support families with grocery gift cards impacted by the recent SNAP funding delays.

[Imago Dei Metropolitan Community Church - DELCO Food Project](#)

\$4,200 to supplement non-perishable foods no longer supplied by SHARE Food Program as a result of federal funding reductions.

[Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry - Prospect Hill Baptist Church](#)

\$5,000 to purchase and provide protein-rich foods to families in Delaware County.

[Making a Change Group](#)

\$7,000 to provide families in Delaware County with healthy meals and grocery store gift cards.

[Maternity Care Coalition](#)

\$5,000 to support Delaware County residents who were affected by the government shutdown and disruption of regularly distributed SNAP benefits.

[Media Food Bank](#)

\$5,000 to purchase food and essential items to benefit residents of Delaware County affected by the economic crisis.

[Multicultural Community Family Services](#)

\$9,000 to support the direct purchase and delivery of nutritious and culturally appropriate foods for families, seniors, and individuals in need.

[Murphy's Giving Market](#)

\$9,000 to support food purchases and meet rising demand to ensure no family is turned away.

[Neighbor to Neighbor Community Dev. Corp.](#)

\$5,000 to purchase perishable and non-perishable foods for distribution to vulnerable populations in their service area.

[Operation LookForward, INC.](#)

\$5,000 to provide food and essential supplies to senior living in Chestnut Ridge Apartments and The Palmer House in Chester.

[Rising Hope For Change](#)

\$5,000 to address food insecurity, housing instability, and the economic strain facing low-income families in Delaware County.

[Stepnup Mentoring and Community Interactions](#)

\$3,000 to expand their free meal program for families.

[The Minority Center for Participation & Empowerment](#)

\$5,000 to provide basic needs to families facing food insecurity and housing instability due to the federal shutdown and the delayed state budget.

[Trinity Transitional House Inc.](#)

\$5,000 to provide safe, temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability as a result of the economic crisis, ensuring immediate safety and stability.

[Work of Faith Community Development Corp.](#)

\$3,000 to provide families in Delaware County with food, household items, and referrals to social service organizations.



Domestic Abuse Project

Michelle Brown
Executive Director



“These funds will support almost three months of mortgage payments for DAP's emergency safe house, a crucial need for our community and those fleeing domestic violence. The state budget impasse, the federal government shutdown, and changes in funding under this administration have become a perfect, devastating storm for many human service agencies. The Rapid Response Fund gives us a little breathing room as we wait for state funding to be released and cover hundreds of thousands of dollars owed to DAP for work that has been done since July 1. We are grateful to The Foundation for Delaware County and The Community's Foundation for leading this effort, and especially to those who have contributed to the fund since its launch.”

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