



Latest Delaware County COVID-19 Response Fund Grants Include Support Groups for Frontline Workers

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The Foundation for Delaware County has released its eighth round grants from the Delaware County COVID-19 Response Fund.

Six grants totaling more than \$88,000 will be distributed, including \$30,000 grant to establish virtual support groups for first responders, nursing home employees and healthcare providers.

The Fund has secured more than \$650,000 in donations thanks to the generosity of many individuals, businesses and foundations.

With this week's grants, \$405,010 has been distributed to 53 frontline organizations.

Grants help nonprofits provide food boxes and gift cards for food-insecure families, as well as diapers, and essential supplies such as cleaning and basic hygiene products. Some nonprofits are collecting personal protective equipment (PPE) for front-line workers.



One grantee, the Philadelphia County Medical Society, has partnered with Springfield Psychological in collaboration with Delaware County Medical Society and Pennsylvania Psychiatric Leadership Council to offer "Helping the Helpers" support groups.

These groups will offer medical providers (doctors, nurses, and frontline medical staff) support in managing stress and uncertainty regarding COVID-19.

Providing them with resources for emotional support is critical for their overall well-being and for the well-being of the patients they treat.

Troy Brindle and Ellen Decker from Springfield Psychological will co-facilitate the program.

"The providers we are supporting are dealing with constant moral injury," said Decker.

Already depleted, a resurgence will put providers over the edge.

The support groups will offer a non-judgmental place to be heard and to grieve.

"It is heart-wrenching listening to what they experience daily," Decker said.

New grant recipients are:

Andrew L. Hick Foundation: \$10,000 to provide boxes of produce and dairy products to Chester, Chester Township and Upland area residents.

Child Guidance Resource Centers: \$13,000 for personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies and professional cleaning for their Community Residential Rehabilitation program for adults.

Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County: \$11,210 for cleaning supplies, a decontamination unit and staff training around best practices in childcare and CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning.

Community Options, Inc: \$2,500 for food, cleaning supplies and PPE to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Irish Immigration Center: \$5,820 to provide food and cleaning supplies for immigrants who are not eligible for government assistance.

Multicultural Community Family Services: \$10,161 to purchase culturally ethnic food and essentials items for seniors in need and to purchase supplemental formula and wipes for families with children younger than one.

Nutritional Development Services: \$12,924 to supply shelf-stable food to six food cupboards and one outreach center in Delaware County.

Peaceful Living: \$3,840 to provide virtual services to connect vulnerable adults with disabilities to services needed.

Philadelphia Medical Society: \$30,800 for support groups designed to provide unity, solidarity and emotional support to assist in promoting the overall well-being of frontline providers.

Ridley School District: \$10,000 to provide "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch items for students.

SeniorLAW Center: \$5,000 for free legal advice to seniors to prevent illegal evictions, foreclosures, abuse, fraud, exploitation, and scams.

For a complete list of grantees, click [here](#).

The foundation extends its deepest gratitude to the community as many dig deep during these emotionally and financially stressful times including these donors each of whom gave at the \$5,000 level or more:

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