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***DELAWARE DOES MORE RAPID RESPONSE FUND
RELEASES FOURTH-ROUND FUNDING OF \$163,000
TO HELP DELAWAREANS IMPACTED BY COVID-19
- Funding for 11 Community Based Organizations Across Delaware –
- \$631,750 Cumulative Total Released To Date -***

Wilmington, DE (May 11, 2020) --- The *Delaware Does More COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund* (the Fund), managed by United Way of Delaware (UWDE), today released \$163,000 in community investments to help 11 community-based organizations across the state serve Delawareans needing food, shelter, utilities and other critical products and services in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Much of the funding has been directed to assist low-income and/or homeless individuals and families. To date, the Fund has released \$631,750, inclusive of today's announcement. For the fourth round, the Fund received a total of 14 applications requesting \$306,060. A fifth round of funding is expected on or around May 22nd.

To date, the *Delaware Does More Rapid Response Fund* has assisted 45,100 Delawareans in 13,500 households and has provided 257,600 meals. The breakdown of community investments is as follows:

- Housing 36%
- Food 33%
- Utilities 18%
- Transportation 3%
- Technology 5%
- PPE 3%
- Other 2%

Fourth-round recipient organizations (see list below) were selected by a committee of funders including United Way of Delaware, the Santora Group CPAs, Delmarva Power, DuPont, Chesapeake Utilities Corp. and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware. Recipients were chosen for the strength of their on-the-ground operations in key population areas across the state, and because each has the scope, scale and experience to manage emergency relief efforts.

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United Way of Delaware President & Chief Executive Officer Michelle A. Taylor said, “Eight weeks into this crisis, the *Delaware Does More Rapid Response Fund* remains on the front lines, helping ensure that Delawareans, and especially low-income and homeless Delawareans, are receiving basic things like food and shelter. At the same time, we are turning our attention to ensuring that we are positioned to help meet the long-term needs that will emerge as Delaware works to return to a more normal environment. In addition to providing for basic needs, we are expanding our Stand By Me program to help a growing number of Delawareans develop long-term financial strategies for their families, and our 2-1-1 Helpline representatives are working extended hours to guide callers to a wide range of social services for everything from access to food and shelter to childcare to mental health counseling. United Way of Delaware is in this for the long haul.”

In response to a 25% surge in caller demand, Taylor said UWDE has expanded hours for its 211 Helpline and moved the information and referral service to a seven-day-a-week schedule. Delawareans seeking assistance with COVID-19 (and other) questions, can now dial 2-1-1 from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

11 Community-Based Organizations Receive Fourth-Round Funding

Fourth-round recipients of the *Delaware Does More Rapid Response Fund* are:

- **Boy Scouts of America** (\$5,000): Food security programs and safety supplies statewide.
- **Catholic Charities** (\$25,000): Utilities and housing assistance for families
- **Children and Families First** (\$8,500): For connectivity and technology for families statewide
- **Delaware Center for Justice** (\$12,000): Assistance with food, utilities, housing, and transportation for individuals and families statewide.
- **First State Community Action Agency** (\$25,000): Housing interventions for homeless and seniors Kent and Sussex counties.
- **Food Bank of Delaware** (\$25,000): Distribute 120,000 lbs. of food through pop up mobile pantry events statewide.
- **Friendship House** (\$10,000): Emergency housing and basic needs for homeless.
- **Home of the Brave** (\$5,000): Food, utilities, and basic needs for families, seniors, homeless and disabled, and veterans statewide.
- **Latin American Community Center** (\$25,000): Food, housing and utility assistance for families statewide.
- **Ministry of Caring** (\$12,500): Food and personal protective equipment for families, seniors, homeless, disabled in New Castle County.
- **YWCA of Delaware** (\$10,000): Food, utilities and housing assistance for families, homeless, in New Castle County.

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Barclays and Target Corporation Join Funder's List

Barclays and Target Corporation recently joined the list of corporations and foundations that have invested in the *Delaware Does More COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund*, each having made substantial contributions. A partial list of supporters of the *Delaware Does More COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund* (to date) includes:

- Bank of America
- Barclays
- Chesapeake Utilities Corporation
- Delmarva Power, an Exelon Company
- DuPont
- Exelon
- Fund for Women
- Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware
- Jessie Ball duPont Fund
- JPMorgan Chase
- Longwood Foundation
- M&T Bank
- New Castle County Government
- Procter & Gamble Company
- Santander Bank
- Target Corporation
- United Way of Delaware
- Wells Fargo
- Wilmington University
- WSFS Bank
- ...and a community of caring people

Rapid Response Fund Background

Shortly after the initial reports of the COVID-19 outbreak, United Way of Delaware convened a virtual meeting of more than 100 leaders from state government, nonprofits, foundations and community-based organizations to develop a comprehensive, coordinated response to the crisis. One outcome of the meeting was formation of the *Delaware COVID-19 Emergency Response Initiative*, a four-part strategy aimed at addressing immediate and long-term demand for financial help, information and referral services, and coordination of volunteer activities. The *Delaware Does More COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund*, managed by UWDE, will address near-term demand for financial and other resources; the Strategic Response Fund, managed by DCF, will address some of the operational and capacity needs of nonprofits whose resources are being strained in the current crisis.