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To our Partners:

Like all of you, we're closely monitoring updates from health and government officials and taking measures to do our part to help slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and ensure the health and safety of our staff and community.

We're focusing our resources and support on collaborative efforts to mitigate the impact that the outbreak will have on the most vulnerable members of our community.

Here's what we would like you to know:

- Health Foundation staff are working remotely, and transitioning in-person meetings to conference calls or virtual meetings. You may contact us by phone or email and we will respond in a timely manner. We expect the effect of this transition to be seamless for the organizations we support.
- We are implementing processes to ensure our ability to distribute grant funds with minimal disruption.
- We recognize that this developing situation may affect your operations and ability to meet reporting deadlines and other grant deliverables. We do not expect that original deadlines will hold; we ask that you attend to the health and well-being of your team and constituents first and foremost. If you need to reallocate existing grant dollars or if you have any questions, please contact your program officer.
- To help minimize the negative financial impact for non-profit partners who have planned events that are, or will be cancelled, we are not asking for sponsorship funds to be returned.

We hope that you and your families are doing well during this challenging time, and we urge all community members to follow the recommendations of local leaders and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC).

The COVID-19 outbreak further emphasizes the importance of partnership and collaboration, and we are especially grateful for the work you do to improve the health of our region. We pledge to continue to serve our community and support our partners across our nine-county area of service.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew A. Kuhlenbeck".

Matthew A. Kuhlenbeck
President & CEO

RESOURCES

The United Way of Greater Rochester today announced the creation of three new efforts to support a coordinated community response:

- A [Community Crisis Fund](#) created in partnership with Rochester Area Community Foundation to rapidly deploy flexible resources to non-profits disproportionately impacted by COVID-19;
- A [portal](#) to easily connect volunteers to in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities, where community members may also view lists of requested items that non-profits need;
- And, in partnership with Monroe County, a Human Service Hub that will provide resources, information, guidance and other supports to help human service agencies navigate through a time of increased needs and operational challenges. To learn how you can join the hub, [email the United Way](#).

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The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.



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