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United Way of Hastings Establishes Community Response & Recovery Fund

(HASTINGS, MN) The United Way of Hastings (UWH) has established the UWH Response & Recovery Fund to meet the immediate needs and recovery in the Hastings area in response to the COVID-19 virus. While many valuable organizations are already meeting needs and may have fundraising initiatives in place, UWH will work alongside organizations and look to meet gaps in the needs throughout the community. The UWH Response & Recovery Fund will provide funds for unmet needs that may be food, shelter, clothes, water, prescriptions, daycare, and other needs not covered by government programs and other traditional relief sources. 100% of gifts to the UWH Response & Recovery Fund will go to help local community members and the Hastings community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. To give, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org/responsefund.

"Please take social distancing seriously and help flatten the curve and spread of this serious virus, stay home," said Julie Hicks, UWH President. "If we all work together as a community "Hastings Strong," we can help those in need. Please consider a donation to the UWH Response & Recovery Fund! Thank you!"

Organizations such as current and past UWH Funded Partner Agencies may apply to receive cash to provide direct services to those in need. Funds will not be given to individuals from UWH. UWH will review applications daily and respond to applicants as soon as possible. Applications can be found at www.unitedwayofhastings.org/responsefund.

UWH serves the Hastings area by identifying needs in the community and mobilizing resources. In addition to establishing the community response and recovery fund, UWH is providing information and resources about COVID-19 to impacted individuals and families, referring people to the United Way 24/7 help line (dial 2-1-1, or 651-291-0211) to local access information and resources about COVID-19, and working with local nonprofits, corporate and/or government partners.

While the office is closed to visitors, UWH remains open virtually 8 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday as staff work remotely to help slow the spread of the virus. To contact UWH, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org/responsefund.

The UWH is an independent United Way that has worked for over 55 years serving Hastings and the surrounding rural communities within Independent School District #200. Its mission is to build partnerships to improve the lives of people in our community. Donations are accepted year-round. For more information about the UWH and the agencies it funds, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org.

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