



# FAQs

- 1) **Will an accounting of the fund be made available to donors at some point?** YES! Both organizations will have this information published on their website, as well as sharing through email newsletters. Our goal is to be transparent and let the public and donors know the need, what is happening and what still needs to be done.
- 2) **How will money from the fund be dispersed?** The McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund will be an ongoing fundraising effort. It is our expectation that we will be raising dollars for a year to 18 months to distribute to local McHenry County nonprofits. Funds will be distributed throughout that time, as the needs arise and as nonprofits apply through our online process. Together, the United Way of Greater McHenry County and The Community Foundation for McHenry County will be the ones to review the applications and grant the money.
- 3) **What is the plan for developing a gifting process?** Local McHenry County nonprofit agencies are asked to fill out an online application as their needs arise. Together, the United Way of Greater McHenry County and The Community Foundation for McHenry County will be the ones to review the applications and grant the money. We will also be collaborating with the Mental Health Board.
- 4) **Is the vision to disperse money through the annual United Way of Greater McHenry County allocation cycle, to support our United Way funded programs?** The McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund dollars are potentially available to any nonprofit in McHenry County who is eligible. This is completely separate from our normal allocation grants and workplace fundraising.
- 5) **Are the funds available to individuals or businesses?** No. The McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund is only available to current 501(c)3, nonprofit organizations. The region's health and human service organizations are experiencing a surge in demand for services from neighbors and communities significantly impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. It's critical these nonprofits have the resources they need to continue to operate at the highest capacity and help those individuals who are most vulnerable.
- 6) **Are fundraising restrictions for United Way member agencies suspended or modified because of the current situation?** No. However, due to the Coronavirus, social distancing and the unknowns of where we will be as a country and community in early April, the volunteer allocation panels have been canceled. The yearly partner agency grants, which have been submitted, will be reviewed by our Allocations Committee (comprised of board members) in April 2020 and they will make a recommendation to our full Board of Directors. The final decision will be made and voted on, as usual, by the board in June. Each partner agency will then be alerted on their allocation amount for 2020-2021.
- 7) **Where can go to find out more about the services in our community?**
  - We suggest calling 2-1-1 from your cell phone or land line if you want more information on services or resources available. This is a United Way funded program available to anyone in McHenry County. 2-1-1 is a free, 24/7 call center that puts people in touch with health and human service related needs/questions, as well as emotional support. For more information, you can also check out their website at <http://www.navigateresources.net/path/>

- Everyone is encouraged to download the McHelp App to their phone. This free app is a way to connect to the Crisis Line, McHenry County Mental Health Resources, A Way Out McHenry County Substance Abuse Amnesty, 2-1-1 Community Helpline and QPR.
- If it's an emergency and you need help, call the McHenry County Crisis Center at 1-800-892-8900 (local access only).