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## Madison County Community Fund Launches COVID-19 Response Fund

**March 31, 2020 (Richmond, Ky.)** – The Madison County Community Fund Board of Advisors announced the creation of the Madison County COVID-19 Response Fund to provide critical support to vulnerable populations in Madison County who are adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. This charitable fund will provide grants to nonprofit organizations in Madison County with strong experience delivering services related to food, healthcare, childcare, transportation and the elderly.

The Madison County Community Fund Board of Advisors are working with local public health, nonprofit, and government representatives to expand local capacity to provide essential services to members of our community experiencing hardship because of the outbreak and related closures and disruptions.

"Madison County has a long and rich history of giving. We have so many neighbors that desperately need our help, now more than ever," said Marc Robbins, Co-Chair of the Madison County Community Fund. "It is with full confidence and hope that I ask us all to rise to the occasion and assist our brothers and sisters in need."

A local board of advisors is moving quickly to issue the initial round of grants to increase resiliency in disproportionately affected communities in our county. In order to move resources quickly and not further burden organizations at the frontline of this outbreak, the Fund is not seeking applications for the initial round of grants. Rapid-response grants will be distributed on a rolling basis as fundraising continues throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis, making it possible to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs.

"I humbly ask you to support this fund. Let's give here at home to fill the gaps for the people in need in Madison County," said Tracy Todd Blevins, Co-Chair of the Madison County Community Fund. "We are so appreciative for the efforts of Judge Taylor, who has assembled a task force to keep us apprised of those pockets of concern as new ones arise each day."

To make an online donation to the Madison County COVID-19 Response Fund, visit <u>https://bgcf.givingfuel.com/madison-covid19</u>. To donate by check, make checks payable to Blue Grass Community Foundation and indicate that your gift should be directed to the Madison County COVID-19 Response Fund. Mail checks to:

Blue Grass Community Foundation Attn: Madison County COVID-19 Response Fund 499 E. High Street #112 Lexington, KY 40507

## About the Madison County Community Fund:

The Madison County Community Fund is an affiliate fund of Blue Grass Community Foundation, established by local citizens in 2012 to create a more generous, vibrant and engaged Madison County. This permanently endowed fund provides support for civic projects and charitable endeavors for generations to come. For more information about the Madison County Community Fund, visit <u>www.bgcf.org/madisoncounty</u>. For more information about the Madison County COVID-19 Response Fund, contact <u>madisoncf@bgcf.org</u>.

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