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Grove City Area United Way surpasses Campaign Goal and awards 2020 Grants,  
makes monies available to agencies impacted by COVID-19

After a seven month long fundraising campaign, the Grove City Area United Way has reached, and surpassed its \$200,000 campaign goal. From Executive Director Amy Foley, "The Grove City community always steps up to help our friends and neighbors in need. We appreciate each and every dollar donated to our organization and recognize that whether an individual's donation was large or small in dollar amount, it was a significant donation to the person who made it, and that makes each donation significant to us. In a time where there are many philanthropic options available to individuals, hundreds of people recognized the valuable contribution that the Grove City Area United Way makes to the Grove City community, and they have made our organization their charity of choice. We want to thank them for their support of our United Way and we commit to them that we will be good stewards of their dollars. Our commitment to the Grove City community is unwavering. We exist for the sole purpose of helping those in need throughout Grove City and making our community an even better place for all of us to call home." While the Grove City Area United Way's Annual Luncheon, where the accomplishments of the past year are recognized and the Community Service Award and Community Impact Award recipients are honored, had to be postponed because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Grove City Area United Way plans to hold their Celebration Luncheon at a later date this year. Honorees to be recognized are

Dorothy McMillen as the 2020 Community Service Award recipient and the Grove City Area School District as the 2020 Community Impact Award recipient. “We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of the past campaign year, the organizations we were able to provide grant funding to and honoring both Dorothy McMillen and the Grove City Area School District for all of the incredible ways they provide a positive impact to our community,” explains Amy Foley.

2020 Community Investment Grants were awarded to the following organizations, for specific programs as listed:

- AWARE, Brandi Montgomery House
- Children’s Aid Society, Family Life Education Program
- Christian Assistance Network, Critical Needs Assistance
- Community Counseling Center of Mercer County, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- Girl Scouts Western PA, Local Girl Scouting Programs
- Grove City Community Food Pantry, Food assistance to income-qualified individuals
- Grove City Community Library, Children’s and Teen Programming
- Grove City Education Center for Adults, GED Preparation
- Grove City YMCA, After School School-Age Program
- Meals on Wheels, daily meal delivery to area elderly in need of assistance
- Salvation Army Grove City Service Unit, Emergency Needs Assistance

In response to the World Health Organization declaring the Coronavirus a worldwide pandemic, the Grove City Area United Way has decided to make available microgrants to each of the 2020 Grove City Area United Way grant-funded organizations to help combat the spreading of Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. The grants total up to \$100 per agency and must go toward the purchase of cleaning supplies above and beyond what an organization would normally purchase, so that they can better sanitize their organization and help to stop the spread of the virus.

The Grove City Area United Way recognizes that these are unprecedented times. Out of concern for our neighbors who may be impacted by the coronavirus, who may be suffering financial hardship as a result of illness, closures, and the public practicing necessary social distancing, we anticipate that there may be an increased need for utility assistance, rent or mortgage assistance, help in paying for medications, food insecurity, etc. Therefore, the Grove City Area United Way Board of Directors has encouraged all GCAUW grant -funded agencies that are providing critical services to individuals impacted by COVID-19 to apply for Venture Grant funding to help with unforeseen costs and increased expenses due to the current health crisis. Venture Grant applications will be reviewed as they are submitted and determinations made on a case by case basis.

The Grove City Area United Way encourages anyone with a non-emergency health and human service need to call 2-1-1. 211's 24/7 call center staff will assess each caller's situation and provide local referrals that can assist the individual with whatever their need may be. 2-1-1 was brought to Mercer County through a joint partnership between the Grove City Area United Way and the Mercer County United Way and has recently been financially supported by the Mercer County Commissioners.

Although Grove City Area United Way staff are working remotely, they can be reached by emailing [gcunitedway@zoominternet.net](mailto:gcunitedway@zoominternet.net) or [uwvolunteer@zoominternet.net](mailto:uwvolunteer@zoominternet.net).