

# 2020 DONOR REPORT

THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

**EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE FUND**

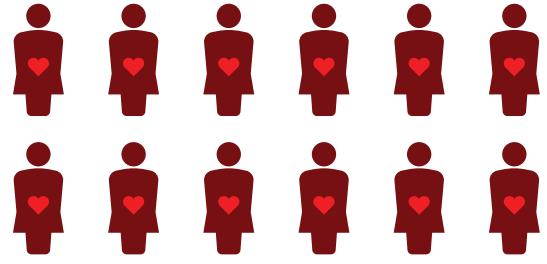
## On March 10, 2020,

The Columbus Foundation activated its COVID-19 **Emergency Response Fund** (ERF) to support Franklin County nonprofit organizations as they responded to the spread of COVID-19 in our community. This early action, taken just one day after the first case was confirmed in Ohio, signaled the immense impact Foundation leaders and donors anticipated the virus having on our community.

Within a week of that decision, resources in the ERF grew from \$500,000 to \$3 million, and grants began to be deployed. Over the course of the next 9 months, **more than \$7 million in emergency grants** helped provide critical funding that allowed nonprofits to address the immediate, evolving needs of their organizations and support the clients they serve.

While the effects of the pandemic are ongoing, the generous response shown by our donors and community members enabled 187 grants from the ERF to provide urgent and timely support to meet the needs of local nonprofits in 2020.

**187** total grants distributed to  
**159** grantees



**\$7,011,524**

total grant dollars awarded

**\$37,495**

average grant amount



**775** total gifts from Donor Advised Funds and credit cards supported the Emergency Response Fund in 2020

## 2020 Emergency Response Fund Grants by Category

| Category        | Grant Totals | Grants | Avg. Grant Amount |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| Social Services | \$4,221,105  | 105    | \$40,201          |
| Health          | \$1,243,995  | 33     | \$37,697          |
| Urban Affairs   | \$905,634    | 24     | \$39,375          |
| Education       | \$595,290    | 22     | \$28,347          |
| Conservation    | \$45,500     | 3      | \$15,167          |

| Organization                                | Approved  | Requested Purpose   |
|---|-----------|---|
| Community Shelter Board                     | \$300,000 | To support shelter for isolation and quarantine and to support de-concentration facilities.   |
| YMCA of Central Ohio                        | \$300,000 | To provide essential services.  |
| YMCA of Central Ohio                        | \$300,000 | To support the operation of childcare centers during the pandemic.  |
| Pray for Columbus dba Catalyst for Columbus | \$242,400 | To support 21 Learning Extension Centers throughout Columbus, in partnership with I Know I Can.   |
| LifeCare Alliance                           | \$200,000 | To allow the organization to increase the number of home delivered meals it provides.   |
| Columbus Foundation                         | \$155,380 | To support purchase of PPE for medical and first responders and nonprofit providers.  |
| Mid-Ohio Foodbank                           | \$125,000 | To support capital improvements and direct service activities benefiting Franklin County through the "Rooted In You" campaign to re-imagine ending hunger.                            |
| American Red Cross                          | \$121,658 | To support increased staffing and supplies for blood drives.  |
| Columbus Housing Partnership (dba Homeport) | \$100,000 | To support an emergency fund to provide assistance to tenants in meeting basic living expenses.   |
| Furniture Bank                              | \$100,000 | To provide emergency funding to keep the Furniture for Families warehouse open while the social enterprises are closed and not generating revenue.                                    |
| Goodwill Columbus                           | \$100,000 | To allow services to be delivered in clients' homes.  |
| IMPACT Community Action                     | \$100,000 | To support the HOPE Fund to further aid in housing stability and eviction prevention.   |
| Jewish Community Center Greater Columbus    | \$100,000 | To support expanded distribution of kosher meals, to facilitate online programming, and to support regular telephone contact with participants over the age of 65.                    |
| Legal Aid Society                           | \$100,000 | To maintain staff attorneys so that increased demand can be met.  |
| Legal Aid Society                           | \$100,000 | To support continued eviction support for tenants through the Tenant Advocacy Program.  |
| National Church Residences Foundation       | \$100,000 | To support the Post Acute Regional Rapid Testing Program, a partnership for local nursing homes and assisted living facilities to securing COVID-19 testing and other needed support. |
| YWCA Columbus                               | \$100,000 | To keep essential services, operational, including emergency family shelter, permanent supportive housing, and pandemic childcare.  |
| Central Community House                     | \$75,000  | To support youth programming in each of the five settlement houses.   |
| Columbus Urban League                       | \$75,000  | To strengthen and increase service delivery including staffing,   |
| Community Refugee & Immigration Services    | \$75,000  | To maintain legal staff, support IT costs of remote/video   |



The Columbus Foundation’s generous support through the Emergency Response Fund allowed us to remain open and ready to serve local families already in crisis as they began to grapple with COVID-19.

Facing considerable revenue loss due to the shutdown of our social enterprises and the cancellation of our annual Big Hearts fundraiser, their critical funding was used to fully support a small crew of essential staff who continued our mission. **At a time when a comfortable, safe, and furnished home was never more important**, the funding allowed us to serve 20 local, vulnerable families every week with more than 250 furniture pieces to fill their home.

We are forever grateful for their immediate response and leadership that virtually kept our mission alive during such an unprecedented time.”



Photo courtesy of Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

— **Steve Votaw**

**President, Furniture Bank of Central Ohio**







The goal of CRIS Legal Services is to **provide comprehensive, professional, family-based immigration legal services to at-risk individuals in an effort to assist them with reunification, citizenship, and other legal matters related to their status in the United States.** CRIS strives to make our services accessible through a walk-in intake program and nominal fees for clients.

However, in March 2020, even the modest fees that fund our legal services evaporated with the onset of the pandemic. In-person intake and follow-up appointments were suspended. The grant we received from The Columbus Foundation’s Emergency Response Fund was essential to maintaining our program. Without it, we would not have been able to continue helping immigrants in central Ohio reunite with families, apply for work authorization, or become US citizens.”



Photo courtesy of CRIS

## – Angie Plummer

**Executive Director, Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS)**



# Thank you

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