

Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation Supports Local Nonprofits During the Pandemic

Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation (GLSHF) is supporting local nonprofits in the fight against COVID-19 by spearheading a limited, matching-donation fundraiser that starts this week.

Mark Hoffman, 2020 GLSHF Board President, said, "This fundraising initiative is the first of its kind for the foundation. We know that our local nonprofits have been hit with unexpected costs and unanticipated hardships. As a community concerned about wellness, we all want to help each other through this difficult time. As part of our own efforts to be of service, GLSHF has set a goal to help raise \$10,000 this summer with a limited, matching-fund program. Residents have asked board members how to personally help our community— we believe that making a tax-deductible donation online to GLSHF is a great way to help."

GLSHF will donate matching funds for the first \$5,000 raised from online contributions this summer. All funds raised will be applied toward the COVID-related needs of local nonprofits under the stewardship of the GLSHF grant committee. Visit www.healthyleessummit.org and select the donate button in the navigation bar to contribute to the cause.

In addition to the matching-donation fundraising initiative, current GLSHF grant awardees now have the freedom to redirect their recent awards to support the emerging COVID-related needs of their organizations.

Hoffman explained, “Every year the Greater Lee’s Summit Healthcare Foundation awards grants to nonprofits working in Lee’s Summit to promote the overall health of the community. This year, just before the COVID crisis began, GLSHF awarded \$65,475 in grants to 11 nonprofits. In an effort to support the dramatically changing needs of our nonprofit partners, we have adjusted the spending guidelines for our 2020 grants. Current awardees have already been notified that they can use their current grants to support COVID-19-related activities that were not anticipated when our funds were originally awarded.”

Grants awarded in February, 2020:

1. Developing Potential: \$7,500
2. John Knox Village: \$8,700
3. ReDiscover: \$10,000
4. Truman Medical Center Charitable Foundation: \$9,000
5. CASA of Jackson County: \$3,000
6. Coldwater of Lee's Summit: \$3,000
7. Hillcrest: \$3,000
8. Pro Deo Youth Center: \$5,000
9. Lee's Summit Cares: \$6,675
10. The Summit Church: \$4,000
11. Meals on Wheels: \$5,600

The Greater Lee’s Summit Healthcare Foundation is dedicated to promoting health and well-being in the Lee’s Summit area, partnering with local organizations who are making a positive impact in the community.

To apply for a grant or to donate funds that will help the local the nonprofit sector of the greater Lee's Summit area, visit www.HealthyLeesSummit.org.