

COVID-19 RESPONSE

SUNMARK CHARITABLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In collaboration with Sunmark CU, the Foundation has made funds immediately available in a variety of ways to the organizations on the front line, working to provide relief and assistance for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area- The Foundation and Sunmark CU donated a total of \$10,000 to assist the BGCCA provide breakfast and lunch to families throughout the Capital District. With schools closed, many families found themselves struggling to provide meals to their children who normally receive meal assistance through their school district. The BGCCA has stepped in to fill this void and provide meals to the club families and the rest of the community. The mobile meal service program currently provides breakfast and lunch to 11 housing sites, serving over 2,000 meals per day.

Ronald McDonald House Charities- The house has been forced to suspend acceptance of new families into the house to ensure the safety of everyone. While they cannot allow people to stay at the house they remain committed to providing overnight accommodations to families with children undergoing hospital care. Sunmark and the Foundation have committed to cover all accommodations through the end of May and will then reevaluate continuing this based on whether the house has reopened. In addition to this, the RMHC snack cart within the children's hospital which typically feeds children and their families during their visits has been expanded to provide snacks and meals to healthcare professionals as well. To assist in this Sunmark and the Foundation have covered the costs to keep the snack cart well stocked for patients, families and healthcare professionals. Total initial commitment is \$10,000.

Street Soldiers- A grassroots organization providing relief to homeless and struggling individuals and families in Albany, Schenectady and Troy. Street Soldiers is run solely on monetary and material donations from the community. With the growing concern of health and safety, Street Soldiers saw a significant drop in contributions while receiving an increase in requests for assistance as individuals found themselves out of work and/or needing to feed children who normally received meal assistance at school. In addition to providing home cooked meals for these individuals, Sunmark CU and the Foundation donated several items from an Amazon wish list and gift cards to allow Street Soldiers to continue feeding the community.

Sneakers for Charity Program- through this program staff selects ten nonprofit organizations to support through their Sneakers for Charity contributions throughout the year. These funds are typically distributed on a month to month basis however with their needs being at an all time high, all funds were distributed at the end of March. Each organization received a donation of supplies, meals or funding based on their most urgent need. A full list of these organizations is within the attached list.

Event Sponsorship- With many events being forced to cancel or transition to virtual fundraisers, organizations were immediately met with large fundraising deficits. For all events the Foundation had previously committed to as a sponsor, the organizations were contacted and given approval to reallocate those funds to meet their needs during Covid-19. This included the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area, the Red Cross of NENY and the Regional Food Bank of NENY just to name a few.

FULL LIST OF COVID-19 RELIEF RECIPIENTS

BERNARD AND MILLIE DUKER
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

BEST BUDDIES

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
OF THE CAPITAL AREA

CAPITAL ROOTS

RED CROSS OF NENY

REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF NENY

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES
OF THE CAPITAL REGION

SARATOGA VETS HOUSE

SCHENECTADY CITY MISSION

SEAT CENTER

STREET SOLDIERS

THINGS OF MY VERY OWN

UNITED WAY

WILDWOOD PROGRAMS