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United Way Centraide North East Ontario/Nord-est de l'Ontario Approves Community Response Funding for Six Charities

April 8, 2020 -- Six charities working to meet the basic needs of individuals disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 will be the first to receive emergency grants through United Way Centraide North East Ontario/Nord-est de l'Ontario's (UWCNEO) Community Response Fund.

The Community Response Fund, announced on March 25, 2020, was established to provide short-term, flexible, financial assistance to frontline charitable organizations across the North East District, working to meet the basic needs of vulnerable people through this health crisis.

"In times of uncertainty, working together is our greatest strength. Right now, people need access to food and hygiene supplies. The organizations that are receiving this first-round of funding have the expertise to respond to these immediate needs," says Mary Lou Hussak, Executive Director with UWCNEO.

In North Bay, The Gathering Place will receive \$3000 to provide two extra meals per week and to expand their food rescue program.

In Timmins, Mountjoy United Church will receive \$2500 for Project Love, an initiative that supplies grocery gift cards to individuals experiencing food insecurity. The First Baptist Church Community Food Bank will receive \$750 to purchase necessary supplies that support the delivery of the program, and Centre Passerelle pour femmes du nord de l'Ontario Women's Shelter will receive \$3000 to purchase supplies for displaced women and children.

In Sudbury, Inner City Home has been approved for \$2500 to buy food and supplies for their food bank, and the Sudbury Women's Centre has been approved for \$1000 for necessities, including food and hygiene products.

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Hussak adds, “We continue to accept applications for emergency funding and will to do so as long as there is a need. We want to thank our community for their tremendous support and encourage people to continue to donate generously. Together we will keep our community strong. We look forward to sharing more information and announcements in the weeks to come.”

Individuals wishing to donate can visit www.uwcneo.com. Charitable organizations wishing to apply for funding can also download the application by visiting the website.

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About the Local Love in a Global Crisis Community Response Fund

UWCNEO established the Community Response Fund to provide emergency grants to local charitable organizations working to meet the basic needs of individuals disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19). The Fund will be distributed through community-based organizations (Registered Charities delivering local programs).

About United Way

For almost four decades, UWCNEO has been a part of the social fabric that connects our community. Our strength is bringing people together to address complex issues and improve the lives of vulnerable people in our community. We invest in programs and collaborations that target lasting change. For more information, visit www.uwcneo.com.

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