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## **COBB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AN ADDITIONAL \$55,000 IN CHARITABLE GRANTS**

**ATLANTA, June 12, 2020**—[Cobb Community Foundation \(CCF\)](#) announced today that it has awarded an additional **\$55,000** in charitable grants from the [Cobb COVID-19 Community Response Fund](#). This brings the total amount distributed from the fund to \$152,000, one hundred percent of which is being distributed to charitable organizations serving Cobb County.

“Our first two rounds of grants were primarily focused on providing food and financial assistance,” says **Shari Martin, CCF’s President and CEO**. “The allocations by Cobb County Board of Commissioners of \$1 million to non-profits to provide food and the more recent award of \$1.5 million for eviction relief have allowed us to expand our focus to help more specialized organizations continue to meet the needs of their clients.”

Cobb Community Foundation, Cobb Collaborative and United Way of Greater Atlanta - Northwest Region have partnered in the selection of grant recipients. “By working together, we can leverage all of our resources and our collective knowledge to make decisions that can really make an impact,” says **Nicole Lawson, Regional Director for United Way of Greater Atlanta - Northwest Region**.

As Executive Director of the **Cobb Collaborative, Irene Barton** also works closely with Cobb’s non-profits. Like Martin and Lawson, she has a keen understanding of how organizations are impacting the quality of life in the county. “There are so many organizations that are doing great work but are less known because they work with a specific segment of the community,” she says. “That’s the beauty of working together. Between the three of our organizations, we know just about every non-profit serving Cobb.”

CCF's network of **Corporate Community Champions** seeded the Cobb COVID-19 Community Response Fund, and additional contributions have brought the total amount raised to **\$300,000**. Of that amount, \$30,000 was secured by Lawson from United Way of Greater Atlanta - Northwest Region's funding pool, \$5,000 of which was used to help fund the grants below. An additional \$50,000 contribution resulted from Martin's request to the Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, managed by United Way of Greater Atlanta in partnership with the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. "All \$55,000 being awarded today is attributable to these contributions, and for that, we are so grateful."

- [Cobb Legal Aid](#): \$10,000 to address the heightened legal issues related to unemployment, housing issues, public benefits, and domestic violence
- [Special Needs Cobb \(formerly Right in the Community\)](#): \$5,000 to provide adults with special needs and their families with residential and respite options that are even more critical during this pandemic
- [MUST Ministries](#): \$5,000 to help meet basic needs for individuals, families and children, such as food, housing and employment, all of which have become more scarce as a result of COVID-19
- [liveSAFE Resources](#): \$5,000 to provide safety and healing to the increased number of individuals and families impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse
- [Kidz2Leaders](#): \$5,000 to provide stability, opportunity and a Christian community for children of inmates to break the cycle of incarceration
- [Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb](#): \$5,000 to provide much-needed quality healthcare to those in need
- [Davis Direction Foundation, operator of The Zone](#): \$5,000 to mobilize resources within and outside of the recovery community to make it possible for the recovery population to find long-term recovery in a most challenging environment
- [Y.E.L.L.S.](#): \$2,500 to empower youth to rise as active, healthy and productive servant-leaders within their communities, even during the pandemic
- [Vision Rehabilitation Services of Georgia](#): \$2,500 to assist individuals who are blind or visually impaired so that they may function independently
- [Tommy Nobis Center](#): \$2,500 to provide vocational support and employment training for people with disabilities, creating invaluable opportunities for gainful employment even during COVID-19
- [NW Metro Habitat for Humanity](#): \$2,500 to continue to bring people together to build and, in particular, to repair homes at a time when many people are homebound
- [Nana Grants](#): \$2,500 to pay for childcare so low-income, single mothers can attend college at a time when childcare is very difficult to find

- [Lekotek](#): \$2,500 to support programs that allow children with disabilities to play interactively, including by providing them with special technology to be able to do so at home during the pandemic

The **Cobb COVID-19 Community Response Fund** was designed to expand local capacity by supporting the non-profits helping individuals and families experiencing hardship of all kinds because of the outbreak, related closures and disruptions. 100% of donations are directed to supporting this effort. **Learn more about the fund and how you can support by visiting the website at [cobbfoundation.org](http://cobbfoundation.org). For more information, contact Shari Martin at [shari@cobbfoundation.org](mailto:shari@cobbfoundation.org).**

#### **About Cobb Community Foundation**

In 1993, a group of Cobb business leaders recognized the community's need for a vehicle to invest in its future and created Cobb Community Foundation. We are a 501(c)(3) organization that uses the power of charitable giving and our role as community catalyst and convener to improve the quality of life in Cobb County and beyond. We are living our mission every day by inspiring charitable giving, building resources for the future and connecting donors who care with causes that matter. To learn more at [cobbfoundation.org](http://cobbfoundation.org).

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