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“NGCF Awards \$135,000 in Emergency Grants to Local Nonprofits”

This week, the North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF) awarded \$135,000 in emergency grants to 12 nonprofits across North Georgia, who are helping those directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In mid-March, NGCF recognized the serious impact that this crisis would have on our community and created the NGCF Coronavirus (COVID-19) Relief Fund in order to address needs immediately. In addition to this fund, that individuals and companies can donate to, NGCF has also announced that their entire 2020 grant funding will be utilized to support nonprofits across North Georgia helping those who are suffering because of this pandemic.

“NGCF believes it is our responsibility to help strengthen our community during a crisis like this. We are standing in the gap, supporting those organizations that are on the front lines providing direct assistance to those impacted. We are so appreciative of all those who have generously given to our fund and because of those donations, we are able to greatly increase the assistance we are providing. says Michelle Prater, NGCF President & CEO, “We are also amazed by the community groups who are collaborating with us to bring relief and we look forward to other collaborations as we continue future grant cycles.”

The collaboration efforts that Prater spoke of are with two community associations, the Rotary Club of Dahlonega Sunrise in Lumpkin County and the Lake Rabun Association in Rabun County who decided to help local nonprofits and NGCF was able to provide a 100% match to their gifts. NGCF is also providing a matching grant to the United Way of Forsyth County so they can directly address these issues in Forsyth and Dawson Counties. “We understand that it is important to move resources quickly and give money in strategic ways to address these critical needs. Ultimately, the way to make the greatest impact is by all of us working together and these are three great examples of what that can bring.” A complete list of nonprofits who received grants can be found online at: www.ngcf.org/covid19relief

“The North Georgia Community Foundation is committed to serving our community. This is our purpose and what we have successfully done for 35 years. COVID-19 will have ripple effects that will last for

months, possibly years. Just as we are currently addressing the immediate needs, we will continue to provide support until this crisis is over. ‘For good, Forever.’”

NGCF is asking the community to continue its support of those impacted by making donations to the NGCF Coronavirus (COVID-19) Relief Fund at: www.ngcf.org/covid19relief. For any questions, contact Michelle Prater directly at mprater@ngcf.org.