

COVID-19 Support Through the Siouxland Recovery Fund

United Way of Siouxland is the fiscal agent for the fund, which is led in collaboration with a board of directors comprised of 11 tri-state disaster & financial professionals.

The purpose of the Siouxland Recovery Fund is to support local nonprofits responding to a disaster to help meet short, intermediate, and long term needs for recovery in the Siouxland area. The

fund was activated March 19, 2020 to aid in the recovery efforts for those impacted by COVID-19. All funds collected during this time are used to help those efforts.

United Way's role is to connect the generosity of the community in supporting services that will make a real, measurable difference in the lives of those who need help most. As we move beyond these immediate needs, our focus is **Respond. Recover. Reimagine, Rebuild**. The ongoing support of United Way is critical as we must support key services to serve our community.



Siouxland Recovery Fund Leadership: American Red Cross, Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), Dakota County NE Emergency Management, North Sioux City SD Fire Dept., Salvation Army, Security National Bank, Sioux City IA Fire Department, Siouxland Community Foundation, United Way of Siouxland, Wells Fargo Bank & Woodbury County Emergency Management

Siouxland Recovery Fund Grant Recipients (as of 9/1/20)

- Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools, *School Learning Connections* (\$14,455)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Siouxland, *Delivering Food to Club Members and Families* (\$3,000)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Siouxland, *Rebuilding Summer Financial Losses* (\$23,707)
- Boys & Girls Home - Siouxland Family Center, *Emergency Food Assistance* (\$5,000)
- Camp High Hopes, *Fall Weekend Respite Camp* (\$25,000)
- Center for Siouxland, *Disaster Response & Recovery* (\$14,500)
- Community Action Agency, *Non-profit Personal Protection Equipment* (\$7,000)
- Community Action Agency, *New Website* (\$5,180)
- Dakota County Voices for Food, *Food Security Project* (\$5,000)
- Food Bank of Siouxland, *Emergency Food Supplementation* (\$50,000)
- Girls Inc. of Sioux City, *Full Day Childcare During School Year* (\$25,000)
- Growing Community Connections -Dakota County, *Helping Bridge Financial Gap* (\$5,000)
- Heartland Counseling Services, Inc., *Group Services Post-COVID* (\$9,000)
- Heartland Counseling Services, Inc., *The Life Center Wrap Around Services* (\$5,000)
- Iowa Legal Aid, *Civil Legal Assist. for Low-Income Residents Impacted by COVID-19* (\$10,000)
- Knights of Columbus - Le Mars, *Missed Opportunities - Donations* (\$3,500)
- LAMB Arts, *Stayin' Alive* (\$10,000)
- LaunchPad Children's Museum, *Children's Mental Health & Education Emergency Response* (\$12,631)
- Mary J. Treglia Community House, *Connecting Vulnerable Populations to Essential Information* (\$25,000)
- Mary J. Treglia Community House, *Virtual Tutorials in Multiple Languages* (\$5,000)
- MercyOne Child Advocacy Center, *Non-Profit Stability and Support Request* (\$17,000)
- Morningside Lutheran Church, *Food Pantry* (\$5,000)
- Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA, *Rebuilding the YMCA's Stability* (\$25,000)
- Oto Fire Department, *Rebuilding & Recovery* (\$2,500)
- Rejoice! Community Church, *Food Pantry Support* (\$6,000)
- Rosecrance Jackson Centers, *COVID Relief Operating Support* (\$25,000)
- SafePlace, *Safety & Recovery for Victims During Pandemic* (\$11,375)
- Salvation Army, *Food Pantry & Emergency Assistance* (\$25,000)
- Salvation Army, *COVID-19 Response* (\$25,000)
- Shesler Hall, *Pandemic Issues* (\$5,407)
- Sioux City Art Center, *Expanding Connection to Community* (\$10,000)
- Sioux City Community Assistance, *Fresh Start Home Kits* (\$34,350)
- Sioux City Community Schools Foundation, *School & Protective Supplies, Caring Closet & Food Pantries* (\$6,000)
- Siouxland Center for Active Generations, *Infectious Disease Prevention Grant* (\$4,140)
- Siouxland Center for Active Generations, *COVID Protection* (\$8,900)
- Siouxland Mental Health Center, *Mental Health Matters - Telehealth Licenses* (\$4,200)
- Sky Ranch Behavioral Services, *Minding the Gap of SRBS Mental Health Services* (\$12,100)
- Sunnybrook Hope Center, *Drive Thru Pantry* (\$18,000)
- Volunteer Siouxland, *Volunteers Supporting Recovery* (\$3,000)
- Warming Shelter, *Showers for Homeless* (\$5,500)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Morningside Neighborhood Food Cupboard* (\$4,050)
- Women Aware, *Siouxlanders in Transition - Emergency Assistance* (\$10,000)



The Siouxland Recovery Fund Results... (just a few)

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Siouxland provided members with hot curbside meals from 4pm-8pm
- Boys and Girls Clubs provided 151 member's families with a \$50 gift card to Fareway
- The Food Bank of Siouxland provided 44,748 people with essential grocery items between April and May
- Dakota County Voices for Food provided 4,668 people with 1,278 food boxes
- Heartland Counseling Services provided tele-health services to their clients
- Heartland Counseling Services provided housing for 3 homeless people
- Heartland Counseling Services delivered 115 lunches to Living Center members
- The Launchpad Children's Museum opened their doors back up with additional safety features and sanitizing equipment
- Mary Treglia provided COVID-19 based tutorials and daily informational podcasts in 5 different languages
- Morningside Lutheran Church expanded food distribution and increased the amount of meat and pantry items
- Nebraska Ethanol partners distributed 300 gallons of hand sanitizer to local nonprofits
- Rejoice! Food Pantry served 203 adults and 119 children from May 19-June 20
- The Salvation Army multiplied their food pantry efforts and delivered food to shut-ins
- Sioux City Community Assistance served 16 households, including 32 individuals, who had previously been homeless, with Fresh Start Home kits with items from clean towels, microwaves and beds
- Siouxland Center for Active Generations installed 4 new hand-washing stations, and implemented technology and training to give their senior members a safe place to interact with others
- Siouxland Mental Health Center provided mental health services via tele-health
- The Sunnybrook Hope Center provided boxes of essential supplies to 706 households from March 19 to April 30
- The Warming Shelter sheltered 17 people with COVID-19 symptoms, so they could quarantine themselves
- The Warming Shelter, in collaboration with the Siouxland Community Health Center, provided showers to over 300 individuals via their mobile showers



Success Stories

Sioux City Community Assistance:

One of our clients, JS, had been on the street for a long time. He was a resident at the Warming Shelter and had not been able nor ready to move into a place of his own. He is an older gentleman with both physical and chronic health disabilities who receives a social security income but was not able to break through the barriers to housing. Once he was housed in the hotel because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our office was able to make a connection with him and find a housing opportunity that would work with his specific needs. The staff member that brought him his Fresh Start Home Kit was amazed at how different he looked after just a few days of being in his own apartment. After over a month being housed, he is doing really well and has been able to maintain his appearance, health, and home. We are so proud of JS!

Rejoice! Food Pantry:

One family of seven had just moved to this area for a job. They were thrilled to have us nearly fill their trunk with groceries and tell them they could come back in two weeks if they needed help until they were caught up. People often ask for milk, and they are so thrilled now that we have it thanks to the Siouxland Recovery Fund. Families with children are especially appreciative.

Siouxland Center for Active Generations:

A conversation heard around a coffee table at the Center. Sherry is widely known for her volunteer work at the Center. "I volunteer cleaning up. Heck I use the Center so why not give back a bit", Sherry M. shouted out over a cup of coffee with three of her friends from the Center. "We all should volunteer more often", said Mary. The lively conversation turned to the new video chat service for members. "When Michelle told me about the new video streaming opportunities. I knew it was something that I could use to talk to my family down South, and I do not have a computer at home. I am anxious to set up a time to visit over a computer. With my brothers and sisters getting older, they don't just come home as often. This will give me an opportunity to see and video chat with them, said Sherry. "My kids told me I should sign up so they could see me" Mary said as she smiled at the new opportunity

