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UNITED WAY OF LEWIS COUNTY IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE LEWIS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

CHEHALIS, WA: United Way of Lewis County and the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound have partnered to establish the Lewis County COVID-19 Response Fund. The Community Foundation is providing \$15,000 in matching funds to United Way of Lewis County to expand local capacity and address all aspects of the outbreak as efficiently as possible. The fund is designed to complement the work of public health officials. Donations to the fund can be made by visiting www.lewiscountyuw.com.

Together, United Way of Lewis County (UWLC) and the Community Foundation will gather data to identify emerging needs, as well as gaps in existing services, and work to rapidly mobilize and deploy resources to the people who are most vulnerable to the economic impacts of COVID-19 in Lewis County.

The Lewis County COVID-19 Response Fund will provide funds to assist the most disproportionately impacted individuals and families, as well as certain organizations in our community who are serving those populations. UWLC and the Community Foundation will be working closely with local governments, public health and emergency management officials, and community leaders to be nimble in our response and to be able to quickly adapt to evolving needs throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of this crisis.

“This fund will allow us to provide support for the people in our region who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak,” said Mindie Reule, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound. “And our partnership with United Way of Lewis County demonstrates the collaborative, unified response that is needed at this time.”

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“For our community to successfully navigate the potentially devastating impacts of COVID-19, strong partnerships are absolutely essential,” said Debbie Campbell, Executive Director of UWLC. “This collaboration between the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound and United Way of Lewis County will enable us to move quickly and strategically to serve the people who are most vulnerable in this crisis.”

Individual and corporate gifts can also be made in person or by mail at United Way of Lewis County, located at 450 NW Pacific Avenue in Chehalis.

About the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound:

Community Foundation of South Puget Sound inspires philanthropy throughout Thurston, Mason, and Lewis Counties and helps donors give back in ways that matter to them. The Community Foundation stewards \$26 million in assets within more than 90 separate funds. Since its founding in 1989, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$13 million in grants and scholarships.

Visit www.thecommunityfoundation.com.

About United Way of Lewis County:

United Way of Lewis County is connecting people and resources to improve the quality of life in Lewis County. Our goal is to lift 30% of families out of poverty by 2030.

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