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### COVID-19 Relief Initiative Coming to United Way of Johnson County

United Way of Johnson County is pleased to announce that it has been approved to receive a \$900,000 *COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant*, made possible through a partnership between Lilly Endowment, Inc. and Indiana United Ways, the state professional association of which United Way of Johnson County is a member. These special funds will be used to boost the efforts of selected area human and social service nonprofits on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“United Way of Johnson County has been a key convener and coordinator of our community’s response to meet human needs for decades. Even before this crisis, United Way of Johnson County and the funded agencies were meeting the needs of over 35,000 individuals or 1 in 4 residents in Johnson County. Without a robust local nonprofit safety net, those needs are bound to become even more dire. Thanks to generous support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., we are now more strongly positioned to help our community’s nonprofits deal with the immediate impact of COVID-19,” said Michele Neumann, board president for United Way of Johnson County.

The *COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant* calls for United Ways that receive funding to leverage partnerships and relationships to better meet COVID-19-related basic needs. Specifically, on May 5, 2020, United Way of Johnson County will begin the process to take applications from United Way of Johnson County agencies who provide essential services focusing on wrap-around services through case management and financial assistance.

United Way of Johnson County is a local organization directed and operated by a volunteer board of directors who live or work in Johnson County. The mission of United Way of Johnson County is “to organize caring people to identify and meet human needs in our community.” The organization is responsible for evaluating the needs of the community, raising money and allocating those funds appropriately in order to meet the needs of Johnson County residents.

Lilly Endowment Inc., is a private philanthropic foundation supporting the causes of religion, education and community development focusing its work in Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. For more information, contact Judith Cebula, Communications Director at [communications@lei.org](mailto:communications@lei.org).

Indiana United Ways is the state association for United Ways in Indiana that supports thriving United Ways through capacity building, shared services, and partnering. For more information, contact Maureen Noe, President & CEO at [Maureen.noe@iuw.org](mailto:Maureen.noe@iuw.org).

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