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RAPID RESPONSE GENERAL OPERATING FUND RECIPIENTS!

We are proud to announce our third round of grantees for the **Rapid Response General Operating Fund**. These non profit organizations offer services that are essential to the livelihood of women, girls, and the non-binary community during these difficult times. Through this fund, **WOMEN'S WAY** is providing 2 year grants to help address urgent immediate needs and to provide aid for the rebuild post-crisis.

SMART (Single Mothers Are Really Trying)

Award: \$5,000

"I have witnessed SMART Inc do a lot of things in the community that have helped us single mothers. They have helped my children get school supplies, receive emergency food, provide storytelling, free brand new coats and have helped in the reunification of my children when I was released from prison in 2018. I now volunteer to help and when this pandemic occurred, SMART Inc. was not open enough to help us. Our safe haven was in jeopardy.

With this generous grant, it seems that SMART will be allowed to keep its doors open and help us and other single mothers and children. On behalf of the many single mothers and children that come through our doors, we say Thank you so much because your help stretches wide." *Thameenah S, SMART Volunteer.*



ACHIEVEability

Award: \$10,000



"ACHIEVEability gave my family supplies including activities and food for my children, and a desktop computer so we can stay connected. They even dropped off the items at my home to help keep my family safe. Thank you to WOMEN'S WAY for supporting ACHIEVEability, they are like a part of my family."- *Amber, program participant.*

Statistics

In recent studies, it was discovered that only 0.6 percent of foundation giving was targeted to women of color. Due to preexisting health disparities, and occupying jobs that are classified as essential, they are among the most vulnerable during this global crisis. Through this fund, 10 out of the 12 organizations we have awarded grants to have been led by a woman of color, helping these organizations and the communities they serve during these difficult times.

We have helped organizations:

- Provide shelter to women and their children
- Connect their clients to COVID-19 resources
- Pay bills and operating costs
- Buy food and necessary supplies
- Provide financial support to obtain abortions and more.

We Need Your Help

We have received requests totaling over **\$525,000** through the Rapid Response

General Operating Fund. Thanks to generous support from donors, we have distributed **\$135,000** to **12** organizations that are addressing challenges that have emerged due to Coronavirus. At this time, we have placed a temporary hold on accepting any further applications as we strive to raise more funds to meet this incredible demand

***We are responsible for raising every dollar distributed.
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