



**Community**  
FOUNDATION  
OF THE NORTH STATE

**COVID-19  
RELIEF  
FUND**

# IMPACT REPORT

March 2020 - October 2020



## REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

The Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Relief Fund with the goal to support a variety of tangible needs and essential services to the region's most vulnerable residents impacted by the Coronavirus.

"Our nonprofit partners shared with us what it would take to implement a major change in how they would do business and provide services for their clients. Thank you for trusting the Community Foundation with your donations, they have enabled organizations to respond and help others in a timely fashion."

*- Kerry Caranci, CEO, Community Foundation of the North State*

# Together, we are helping others through your generous donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

## Internet Connectivity

When COVID forced families to online access for learning, rural communities in our region became critically challenged. Funding for internet hotspots in Siskiyou County was a game changer. "We've been trying to do the kids' school with a hotspot from our cell phone, it doesn't work that great, and as soon as you run out of data it slows way down and it gets tough to upload their work. I wish we could afford better service, but at least now we know that we aren't completely alone in this."

- Denise H., Hornbrook resident



## Essential Library Support

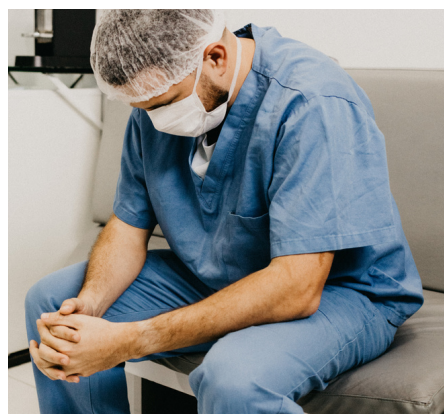


"We have seen evidence that since COVID, there are more and more people looking for help and relief that requires access to technology for guidelines and application submissions. Many in the outlying areas of Cottonwood still do not have high speed internet and are unable to access these services at home. They come to the library to use our equipment. One gentleman signing on to use one of our computers recently told me: 'I do not have a computer at home, but I am expected to sign up for unemployment online. What would I do if I could not come to your library?'"

- Gayle Harrington, Director,  
Cottonwood Community Library

## Providing the Basics

With a grant from the COVID-19 Relief Fund, Empire Recovery Center purchased additional sets of sheets, towels, first aid kits and thermometers and scrubs, which make great pajamas. Combined, these new supplies helped keep this group rehabilitation facility cleaner and safer for residents.



"When I was there, having pajamas was really cool. I was embarrassed by my clothes and the pajamas were really soothing. My skin felt like it was boiling, and the pajamas helped. I didn't have anything and Empire gave me a pair of sweats, underwear, a shirt, and even socks."

- Empire Recovery Center client

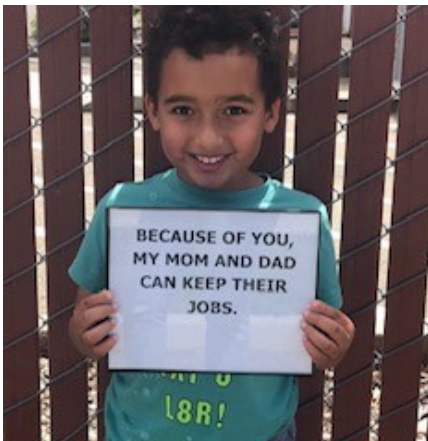


## Nonprofit Organizational Support

North State nonprofits are facing serious budget challenges as a result of the pandemic. Many are unable to raise support as they have in the past due to cancelled fundraising events, inability to sell tickets, or closing thrift stores. Others have had new business costs as they transition services online. And many are experiencing a big increase in demand assistance, particularly in the social service sector.

“In a time when nonprofits were struggling to make ends meet, the Community Foundation and our donors took on added, proactive roles to provide critical lifeline support for organizational operations. Our investment at this time and in this way means nonprofits are here to serve our community for the long-term.”

- *Amanda Hutchings, Director of Community Impact, Community Foundation of the North State*



## Small Business Assistance

A COVID-19 Relief Fund grant to Forward Redding Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the Redding Chamber of Commerce, is supporting a Business Recovery Specialist. "The funding we received from the Community Foundation allows us to focus on the crucial role we are playing in connecting local businesses with resources, including federal loans, local business grants, and general counsel."

- *Jake Mangas, Executive Director, Redding Chamber of Commerce*



Job Training Center of Tehama County was able to launch a small business assistance program offering One-to-One and group services.

## Safe Shelter



"This young lady was in a living situation that was unhealthy for her and her baby. Her auntie brought her in to our office. She was crying and distraught. We gave her a motel for three nights while her grandmother from out of state could come pick her up and take her home. The motel was provided through the generosity of the COVID-19 grant through the Community Foundation of the North State."

- Carla Charraga, Director, Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center

## Personal Protective Equipment



The need for personal protective equipment, masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies was time sensitive. Redding Fashion Alliance purchased materials and employed seamstresses to locally manufacture masks for hospital personnel during supply chain lag.

## Food Security

Thanks to your donations, Dignity Health Connected Living in Redding, Great Northern Services in Siskiyou County, and The Salvation Army in Tehama County together with others in our region, were able to purchase and deliver food and gift cards to seniors, people with disabilities and low-income families in need.



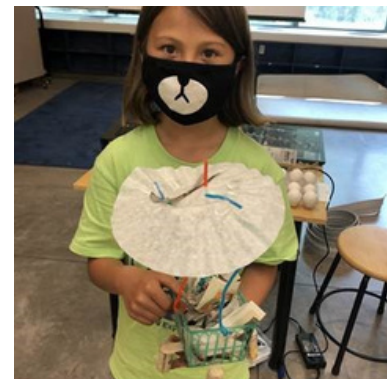
"When the pandemic hit, food was the most immediate need that came to our attention. Food banks across our region reported heavy increases in the number of hungry families."

- Megan Conn, Program Officer, Community Foundation of the North State

## Child Care and Education

"Thank you to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County for the most wonderful Outdoor Galore Make-n-Play Kits! What a lifesaver to a distance working mom with distance learning children during the pandemic. These kits provided hours of hands on activities centered around our natural resources and the kids LOVED them. They created amazing projects and had engaging conversations centered around our beautiful surrounding mountains, sky, clouds, and water."

- Emmy W., working mom of two





# \$527,144 Supporting Our Communities

## Siskiyou County

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Shasta  
Dorris Lions Club  
Great Northern Services  
Happy Camp Community Action  
Hornbook Community Association  
Mt. Shasta School Café  
Ore-Cal RC&D Council  
Rural Klamath Connects  
Siskiyou Community Food Bank  
Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative  
Siskiyou County EDC  
Siskiyou County Job Council  
Siskiyou County Library  
Siskiyou County Office of Education  
Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center  
Siskiyou Food Assistance  
Siskiyou Land Trust  
Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance  
Siskiyou Works

## Modoc County

High Plateau Humane Society  
Training, Employment &  
Community Help, Inc. (TEACH)

## Tehama County

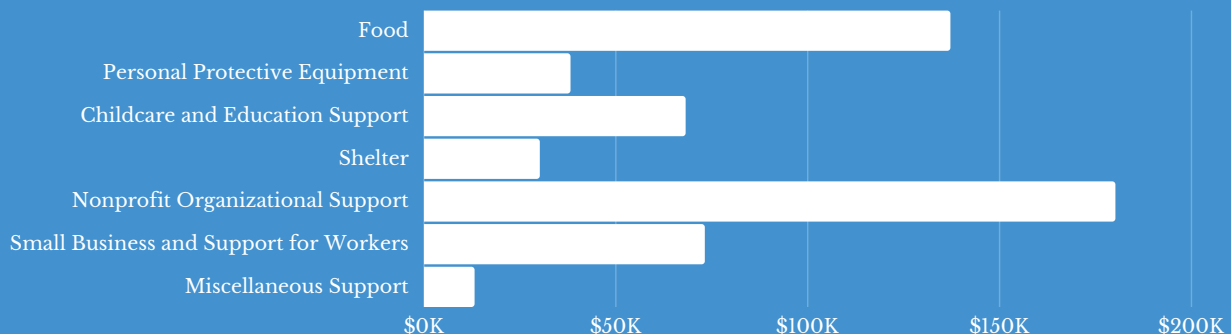
Corning Christian Assistance  
Empower Tehama  
Job Training Center of Tehama County  
Smart Business Resource Center  
State Theatre for The Arts  
Tehama Conservation Fund  
Tehama County Library  
The Salvation Army

## Shasta County

Burney Food Co-op  
CareNet Pregnancy Center  
Cascade Theatre  
Children's Legacy Center  
Cottonwood Community Library  
Dignity Health Connected Living  
Empire Hotel Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center  
Forward Redding Foundation  
Good News Rescue Mission  
Haven Humane Society  
Hill Country Community Clinic  
KKRN Radio  
Living Hope Compassion Ministries  
Montgomery Creek School  
North State Symphony  
Northern Valley Catholic Social Service  
One Safe Place  
Redding Fashion Alliance  
Shasta Community Health Center  
Shasta Family YMCA  
Shasta Historical Society  
Shasta Library Foundation  
Shingletown Medical Center  
Smart Business Resource Center  
The Salvation Army  
Turtle Bay Exploration Park



## Impact Areas



[Visit our website for additional details](#)

## WE'RE GRATEFUL TO ALL DONORS!



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And to all of our generous North State community members, thank you!



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WIND PROJECT

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Due to high need, the fund has been exhausted with the September 2020 round of awards.

As the need is expected to continue, those wishing to contribute to the fund can make a secure, online tax-deductible donation at [cfnorthstate.org/donations/covid-19-relief-fund](https://cfnorthstate.org/donations/covid-19-relief-fund)



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