

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WALWORTH COUNTY ANNOUNCES \$15,000 CONTRIBUTION TO UNITED WAY OF WALWORTH COUNTY FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Walworth County, WI – Boys & Girls Club of Walworth County and United Way of Walworth County Emergency Family Housing Fund was established as a matching fund by Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County and John & Jo Ellen McKenzie to support the Walworth County area. Our collective goal is to keep families impacted by the COVID-19 crisis together and safe in their homes. The fund has been issued for the purpose of addressing the needs of the Walworth County community arising as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, with the primary focus of supporting housing and utility needs. According to the ALICE report, produced by United Way, 39% of Walworth County residents were experiencing severe financial hardships prior to the COVID-19 emergency. With the recent economic climate due to COVID-19, this percentage can be expected to be much higher, greatly impacting low-income individuals and families.

“Requests for help are rapidly rising in Walworth County. Receiving this generous gift through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County and Walworth County will allow us to keep more families together in their homes. We are so grateful to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the McKenzie family for their passion to look out for those most vulnerable and collaborate with us in this unprecedented time of need,” said United Way of Walworth County Executive Director Tammy Dunn.

The application for the funding process will be available at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 27th 2020. Boys & Girls Club of Walworth County and United Way of Walworth County will release 100% of the donations in the fund to directly pay the bills of approved individuals and agencies on a first come first served basis until all funds have been depleted.

What Costs Are Supported: Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance

Who Can Apply: Walworth County residents and any U.S. 501 (c)(3) nonprofit agencies not classified as a foundation in Walworth County assisting Walworth County residents.

Criteria: Any family with at least one child (18 years of age and younger) who is facing financial hardship and is at risk of losing their place of residence or critical utilities.

Funds incur zero administrative costs with 100% of donations given directly to help community members in urgent need. We are hoping to gain support through our matching campaign to help local families in Walworth County. If you are interested in supporting the campaign, you can do so by donating here: www.bgcwalco.org - CLICK DONATE NOW

For those who don't qualify and are struggling from the effects of COVID-19, several resources are available throughout Walworth County backed by agency funds and the United Way of Walworth County Community Response Fund. Visit the United Way of Walworth County website for a list of agencies ready to help: <http://uw-wc.org/coronavirus-help-in-walworth-county/>

United Way Video: <https://www.facebook.com/bgcwalco/videos/2801342479952127/>

To give to the collaborative Emergency Family Housing Fund, go to: www.bgcwalco.org - CLICK DONATE NOW

For more information, contact the United Way of Walworth County at (262) 374-4474.