In a few brief paragraphs, please explain:

1. **What geographic area is served? (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served)**

   Bringing Hope Home helps families battling cancer with essential household bills. The families we support are living in all of Chester County and surrounding counties, including Berks County, Bucks County, Delaware County, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia County. Since our inception in 2008, Bringing Hope Home has supported over 6,180 local families with over $7.19M in essential household bills. Specifically, in Chester County, we have helped 378 families with $413,695 in household bill support.

2. **What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?**

   Families we support struggle financially and are immune compromised. Many live alone, are out of work for long periods of time, have a recurrence of cancer, are elderly, and are unable to pay their essential household bills that are necessary for them to stay in their home. We vow to continue to be there for them as they need us now, more than ever. We have heard from social workers in local cancer centers that are grateful that Bringing Hope Home is still working hard to provide assistance, as many local resources have closed or are unable to support families financially right now. We are on the front line providing direct specific essential support to Chester County families as they struggle through this unprecedented medical and economic crisis. As the economic outlook continues to unfold, we realize it will have a negative impact on our ability to raise funds while our demand for families needing assistance will drastically increase. We don’t want to have to turn away families due to lack of funds in this desperate time.

   We have recently been working with the family of a 66-year-old man with head and neck cancer. He lives with his long-time girlfriend who has health issues of her own, including MS. He is currently receiving chemotherapy and radiation and has been having side effects. He spiked a really high fever and she had to take him to the ER. She recounted what a terrifying experience it was to be in the ER with the COVID-19 virus. This is an example of the many families who are struggling to adhere to treatment plans, keep up with their finances and essential household bills, while the virus threatens their immune systems and the economy threatens their finances. Anything The Chester County Community Foundation can do for us during this tough time would be greatly appreciated by our many families.

3. **How much funding is sought? How does this compare to your annual operating budget? What will the funding be used for? What is the expected timeframe for use of funds?**

   Bringing Hope Home is seeking $10,000 to support Chester County families struggling with cancer to stay in their homes, utilities working, and food on the table. We will be accepting new families into our program on April 1st and hope to be able to support all who apply within a few weeks. We realize that our immune compromised families already struggling financially will be disproportionately impacted but the health and financial crisis.