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)

Gaudenzia is a multi-state nonprofit organization with key treatment facilities in Chester County: Coatesville Outpatient, Concord Place – West Chester, Kindred House – West Chester, and West Chester Inpatient and Outpatient programs. These Chester County facilities serve a diverse population, regardless of one’s ability to pay.

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

The populations served by Gaudenzia programs are individuals who experience substance use disorder, mental health, and other related issues. Many of our participants are low income and have experienced homelessness recently; approximately 85% of Gaudenzia’s clients are Medicaid recipients.

Gaudenzia is deemed an essential life-saving service organization by Gov. Wolf and we have maintained full operational capacity for all residential programs including accepting new admissions. We are impacted by COVID-19 by interruption of services to our outpatient groups, increased isolation and sanitation needs, increased staffing needs, integration of participants’ families to their healing process, and we cannot allow outside visitors into our facilities to lead 12-step groups. These community-run 12-step groups are integral to recovery and relapse prevention.

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?

Gaudenzia requests $5,000 to address the needs of current program participants. Specifically, funds will help sustain Gaudenzia’s operation now by helping to defray the cost of unanticipated emergent expenses related to COVID-19. It will also help to sustain our efforts post-COVID-19 by increasing our capacity to remotely connect our clients with their family and support system while in residential treatment.

Although this request represents less than 1% of our operating budget, it will have an immediate impact on our capacity to serve current clients and anticipated Chester County SCA referrals in the days and weeks ahead.

Funds would be utilized through June 2020.

Please email grants@chescocf.org

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This Brief COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

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Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit

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501c3 determination letter

Request letters will be posted on the Community Foundation’s website, in order to share with fund advisors, donors, grant panelists, and other funding sources.
Grants will be processed a few times monthly.
We estimate mini-grants will range from $500 to $5000.

Please direct general questions & inquiries about the Rapid Response Mini-Grants to grants@chesocf.org. Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.