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COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

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

Diakon Adult Day Services at Manatawny (ADS), located in Pottstown, PA, is a program of Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries. ADS serves 30 to 40 clients a year, typically 50% from Chester County and 50% from Montgomery County. It is a community-based medical adult day care program designed to meet the social, recreational, and physical needs of functionally and/or cognitively impaired adults in a protective setting, playing an important role in aging-in-place.

COVID-19 has had a catastrophic impact on the ADS program with significant revenue losses due to the closure of the center during the statewide stay at home order. We estimate revenue loss of \$28,000 each month the center is closed. At the same time, our clients are home with limited social interaction and without the benefit of medication monitoring, blood pressure screenings, weight monitoring, nutritious meals, and assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, grooming and toileting.

We are requesting a grant of \$4,000 to support the staff salary and benefits for one person to make telephone check-in calls to clients twice a week. A registered nurse will conduct wellness checks and ensure the client has sufficient access to nutrition, utilities and other needs. When in need, the nurse will work with the clients and caregivers to connect them to community resources such as the food bank, meals on wheels and utility companies.

The grant will cover the staff salary for the registered nurse for two days per week for eight weeks: \$225 day x 2 days x 8 weeks = \$3,600. The additional \$400 in the budget would cover indirect costs for general and administrative expenses for the adult day center.

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

_____ Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit

_____ 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@chescof.org. Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.