

**CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET**

*One page only. This page will be shared electronically with Grant Committee Members & Fund Advisors.*

*Note: If Philanthropy Network of Greater Philadelphia's Common Grant Application is used, the Community Foundation's **Summary Sheet MUST accompany application.***

Date  
**4/03/2020**

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**Organization Information:**

**Field/s of Interest:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Culture & Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Animal Welfare
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Services

**Mission: To provide free resources, material goods, activities, and camps to children with autism and children who are underserved in Chester County.**

**Geographic Area Served :** All of Chester County

**Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: Over 6000 special needs & underserved children every year.**

<b>Annual Budget \$</b> <u>81,207.90</u>	<u>1</u> # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>45</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>10</u> # of Board Volunteers
<u>17</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>38</u> # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>38</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>500</u> # of Volunteer Hours Annually
<small>100 % total</small>	

**Top 3-5 funding sources:**

**\*The sale of chocolate covered pretzel rods**

**\*Fundraising Events**

**\*Contributions from Individuals**

**Is this grant proposal for:** Capacity Building \_\_\_ or General Operating X ?

**Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:**     \$ 10,000

**Proposal Summary:**     **To distribute 5000 pounds of fresh produce to low-income households.**

## **II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE**

*Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.*

### **1. Nonprofit's history, goals, key achievements & distinctiveness**

Kamp For Kids provides resources, material goods, seminars, activities, and camps for families with children with autism and children who are underserved. We distribute food to low income families. Kamp For Kids donated 8 tractor trailer loads of fresh pretzels to City Team in Chester County. The West Chester Senior Center Library has raised donations for our activities for the last five years. Members of our board are currently distributing food from Wawa and Chick-fil-A on a regular basis to needy families. We distribute 500 gifts to needy children for the holidays. Kamp For Kids hosts free camps, such as the 2020 K4K Summer Camp in Chester County at the Camp at the Old Mill 127 Brandamore Rd, Honey Brook, PA 19344 on August 21-23. Chester County's professional soccer team: The Philadelphia Union, as well as Ron Jaworski's Arena Football Team, the Philadelphia Soul, has put on free clinics at our camps and events.

The director of Kamp For Kids, Tim Morton, studied philanthropic work at Cairn University, and has one child with autism. Every year Kamp For Kids provides a free day at LEGOLAND in to 400 children with autism. This event is televised and covered by CBS News reporter Chantee Lans. Kamp For Kids maintains a platinum seal of financial and organizational transparency with Guidestar, the largest evaluator of non-profit organizations in the world: see [guidestar.com](http://guidestar.com) . The most distinctive feature of Kamp For Kids is that we are primarily a volunteer effort, with only one paid employee, and because of this we are able to provide a substantial number of services and events with very little funding. Our organization is not burdened by high overhead, but is nimble and economical.

### **2. Funding request**

- **Description of key initiatives:**

The goal during the pandemic is to continue to provide resources, material goods, and, in particular, 5000 pounds of fresh produce, to families with children who are underserved in Chester County.

- **Specific needs & issues to be addressed:**

Most low-income families have very little fresh fruit and vegetables in their home. This leads to insufficient nutrition and an increased risk of health decline for families. This can result in a deterioration of physical health. According to Dr. James M. Greenblatt lack of nutrition can even lead to a decline in mental health, "Malnutrition may be the underlying biological mechanism behind the unimaginable act of suicide" (See his article in Psychology Today, "Nutritional Risk Factors for Suicide" at <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-breakthrough-depression-solution/201109/nutritional-risk-factors-suicide>). Thus, handing a child a banana, an orange, a stalk of broccoli, or a spinach salad may actually be a stalwart

against mental disorders, or even suicide. At very least healthy eating habits lead to biological health. The brain is part of the body, therefore a healthy body entails a healthy brain.

- Why it is important to fund this now

According to the [NPR/Marist poll](#) which was taken last Thursday and Friday, "18 percent of households already reported someone being laid off or having hours reduced because of the coronavirus outbreak, with women hit harder (21 percent) than men (16 percent), and people who earn less than \$50,000 hit harder (25 percent) than those earning \$50,000 or more (14 percent). (See <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/17/coronavirus-layoffs-america-unemployment-134819> ). The primary issue at present is that the pandemic has greatly increased the number of households that are struggling financially, so the need in Chester County is perhaps greater than ever before. As

this poll shows, low income families are the ones who have been hit the hardest by the recession. Add to this the fact that low income families are much less likely to possess savings, when compared with middle class and upper class families. Also, as Global Health University states, "Malnutrition has both micro- and macro-level consequences. Micronutrient deficiencies impair individual cognitive capacity and lower national IQ scores; they weaken individual immune systems and increase national mortality rates, and they hinder individual productivity, lowering national income and inhibiting economic growth" (See <http://www.uniteforsight.org/nutrition/module5>). The majority of the earnings of low-income families is spend on the purchase of food, but, due to the pandemic, many families have been thrust into an impending food crisis because of the loss of employment.

- How impact & results will be demonstrate

**Our proposed response to the current crisis:**

**The Chester County Fresh Food Project:**

**We are proposing to distribute \$10,000 worth of fresh produce at an average of \$2 per pound which will allow us to purchase 5000 pounds of produce. This will then be portioned out to 100 families who will each receive 50 pounds of food. The average family size that we serve is four persons, therefore this project will provide fresh produce to 400 individuals. A complete list of the family names, addresses, and contact information will be furnished to the Chester County Community Foundation for verification of project completion. This project will be completed within 30 days of receipt of funds. All families receiving assistance will be required to reside in Chester County.**