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?

A Moment of Magic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides medically vulnerable children throughout the United States with creative programming, outlets, and support to foster imagination, friendship, and hope through our college-student volunteers. We have three chapters in Philadelphia that service more than two dozen children’s hospitals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

With the recent COVID-19 outbreak, A Moment of Magic has made some adjustments to our visits to continue to prioritize the health and safety of the volunteers, clinical staff and, most importantly, pediatric patients and families. In order to continue fulfilling our mission, we have increased the number of “Character Portal Calls” available on our website by more than 60%. Additionally, we have implemented brand new live Facebook videos in which our volunteers are reading books, doing crafts, and participating in Q&A’s directly with our audience. These videos are also being live streamed throughout children’s hospitals across the country, directly into the rooms of pediatric patients in lieu of in person programming. Since March 17th, we have completed over 70 calls for medically vulnerable children, produced more than 2 dozen videos for hospitals to stream, and have reached children in 15 states across the country.

Due to the fact that we continue to pay our employees for the services they are providing and continue to provide our services to thousands of children across the country, we are looking for support to help us offset the cost of our payroll, rent payments, and immediate programming expenses. With your financial assistance of $5,000, less than 1.5% of our annual operating budget, we would be able to ensure that we can continue providing our high-quality programming to children with medical vulnerabilities free of charge for the next month.

Please email grants@chescocf.org

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