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\$1.4 Million Raised for Community Foundation of Jackson Hole's Community Emergency Response Fund

JACKSON, WY — The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole announced today that the new Community Emergency Response Fund has reached a landmark \$1.4 million. The Response Fund was activated to support local nonprofits helping those directly impacted by COVID-19. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold, the Community Foundation is striving to ensure that the Response Fund's resources increase in tandem with the our community's rapidly evolving needs.

Hansjörg Wyss committed a lead gift of \$750,000 to the Response Fund, helping to seed the efforts put forward by the Community Foundation. Foundation Board members and donors quickly doubled the Fund's size, and 100% of the Board contributed to the Response Fund. As of today, gifts to the Fund total just over \$1.4 million, and the Foundation has already begun to help the most vulnerable in the community through grants to our local nonprofit partners. The Fund will also support local nonprofits whose fundamental ability to operate is critically impaired by issues related to COVID-19.

"This is the time for decisive action and investment in our community," said Hans Wyss, philanthropist and Teton County resident. "We must support each other in this unsteady climate so that our community has the opportunity to thrive again."

Teton County's nonprofit organizations are poised to assist individuals and groups that provide essential health care services and directly serve at-risk populations. The Emergency Response relief funds are currently supporting the preparation and delivery of food for youth, families, and seniors, including free meals over spring break, through Hole Food Rescue and the Good Samaritan Mission; One22's financial assistance program for lost wages and its processing of the numerous requests for aid; broad dissemination of COVID-19 public healthcare information; and internet access for 100 Teton County students to ensure equitable access to online education for all. Additional human and health care programs to address the impact of COVID-19 in Jackson Hole are in process.

"We knew that the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole needed to act quickly, to provide assistance and reassurance to those experiencing hardship now," said Bill Hoglund, Community Foundation Board Chair "and these immediate actions help to protect our community's future."

“We are at the beginning of this uncertain journey,” said Laurie Andrews, President of the Community Foundation, “but everyone is raising their hand to help, and through the generosity of our community, we can address today’s needs and create resilience for the long road ahead.”

The Community Emergency Response Fund is addressing community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Relief funds are being disbursed daily, as the Community Foundation receives requests for assistance. More information about accessing the Fund and providing donations is available at cfjacksonhole.org.

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About the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole

The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole improves lives through philanthropic leadership, helping to make giving smarter, nonprofits more effective and our community stronger for over 30 years. With over \$85 million in assets comprised of over 250 funds, the Foundation works with donors and nonprofits to enrich all aspects of our community and enables donors to establish personal philanthropic funds including donor advised, endowment, field of interest and legacy funds to facilitate their giving.

The Foundation also administers various grant programs to address critical needs in our community and support organizations based on impact, collaboration, innovation and capacity. Annually, the Foundation organizes Old Bill’s Fun Run for Charities, which has raised over \$173 million since inception for local nonprofits. The Foundation is accredited in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations and has consistently ranked in the Top Ten among U.S. community foundations in gifts per capita, grant activity and transactional volume since 2014 according to CF Insights annual survey—the only community foundation to do so in all three of these categories.

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