

# United Way Community Update

## Response to COVID-19

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To Our Trusted Community and Partners:

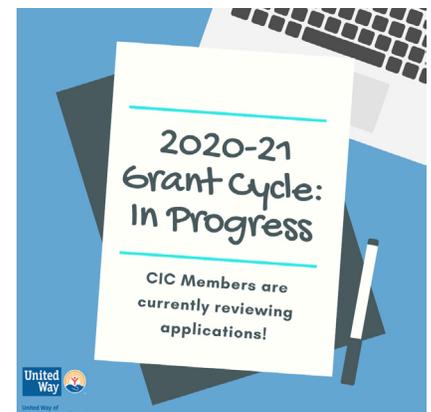
The United Way of Waco-McLennan County (UWWMC) is consistently focused on strengthening our community and creating opportunity for every resident through inspired and informed philanthropy. Never has that work been more critical than now.

We know that our lives and our community are changing daily. Over the past several weeks our staff and Board of Directors have been working to assess the immediate and potential long-term impacts of this crisis. There is still so much we don't know, but we remain consistent and committed to our role as your United Way. Our commitment to actively engage with our partners and to generate meaningful responses for community recovery is our priority. UWWMC is guided by the core of our work to address **Community Need**, inspire **Community Investment**, and work alongside each of you to utilize **Community Will**.

## OUR RESPONSE

Our nonprofits are on the front lines of this pandemic. They are the organizations we will depend on to respond to new demands to support families and individuals. As this situation unfolded rapidly, we sent a brief survey to our funded partners to assess what their immediate needs and concerns were. While they indicated their greatest needs would be evolving as we moved more deeply into this crisis, cash flow and funds to support general operating costs were their top priority.

Our first action of response was to notify our [currently funded partners](#) that all restrictions had been lifted on their 2019-20 grant agreements, and the frequency of their grant payments would shift from quarterly to monthly. In conjunction with this initial and immediate response, we are honoring our 2020-21 grant cycle, which is continuing to move forward as scheduled. UWWMC will continue to provide program support to the highest impact nonprofits in our community, many of whom we know will be on the front lines of urgent community response.



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## OUR COMMITMENT

Essential to our grant making is the community representatives who comprise our Financial Review & Community Investment Councils. They work alongside the United Way staff and Board of Directors to review applications and recommend funding. As we write this report, this dedicated group of more than 40 community volunteers, and our outstanding Grants & Impact team, are meeting virtually to review the current submitted applications.



This cohort of committed volunteers have remained steadfast in their commitment to providing vital support to the applicants who have met our eligibility criteria. It is because of their commitment that we are able to announce 2020-21 grant awards in May. UWWMC is grateful for this commitment from our volunteers and proud to know our community is willing to dedicate their time and talent to this important work.

## MOVING FORWARD

Additionally, United Way, the Waco, Cooper, and Rapoport Foundations, and Prosper Waco, have come together as the *Community Support Organizations*. This group is working collaboratively to inform our nonprofit community and boards about available resources and key information. Together, we assess the greatest community needs that are arising daily and develop meaningful responses.

To our United Way donors, your dollars are hard at work in this community and are actively supporting the nonprofits who are responding to this crisis. To each of you, know that your United Way is committed to the health and success of our small, but mighty community.

For a list of both local and national resources, we invite you to visit our [COVID-19 landing page](#). We ask you to please reach out at any time should you have questions, comments or concerns about our work.

Stay well,

Barbara Mosacchio  
CEO

Andrew Pick  
Board Chair



United Way remains in close communications with the Waco, Cooper, and Rapoport Foundations, and Prosper Waco to ensure we are all apprised of the latest information in regard to what our nonprofits need in order to respond to the families and individuals who live here.

