

Friends of Charlotte Family Housing,

As you know, our nation, state, and city have been grappling with the present COVID-19 pandemic. We have been actively monitoring this public health emergency and will continue to connect our clients to relevant resources, both private and public. In collaboration with our partners, we are exploring the implications that COVID-19 will have for our staff and programming. While the situation is evolving rapidly, we know that the disruptions to daily life will only increase.

Of particular concern are the impacts this pandemic, and our community's response to it, will have on the families we serve. The families we serve are less likely to have paid sick leave, health insurance, and access to quality healthcare. Harsh economic realities are layered upon the threat of contracting the virus causing COVID-19. Even so, our families represent only a percentage of the thousands of people in Mecklenburg County facing similar circumstances. As uncertainty increases, we remain committed to supporting our families and staff as we continue to pursue our mission. You can support us in this commitment by contributing to our newly established COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

In this critical moment, your resources, knowledge, and networks are indispensable for making a difference for our families, the communities they live in, and the staff supporting their journeys towards self-sufficiency.

Over the coming months of this crisis, the **COVID-19 Emergency Fund** will provide our families and staff the support they need in two distinct phases:

- **Initial response phase**: funds will be focused on providing food, shelter, safe drinking water, medical care, quarantine shelter space, clothing, assuaged funeral costs that might arise, and other vital services.
- **Sustained response and healing phase:** focused on rehabilitating the lives of those who are among the hardest hit. Funds will be targeted at addressing the ongoing needs created by persistent socioeconomic problems in our community.

Please consider contributing to our **COVID-19 Emergency Fund**. By sharing your treasure you are sharing hope and demonstrating your powerful commitment to our mission at a time when it has never been more important. In turn, we pledge to utilize your gift to ensure that our families and staff have the resources and support they need. As always, we are committed to being unwaveringly faithful stewards of your generousity.

To give, please visit the **"Donate Now!"** page of our website and be sure to write "COVID" in the comment box. Alternatively, checks may be mailed to the address at the bottom of this document with "COVID" in the memo line.

With profound gratitude,

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