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United Way of St. Clair County Approves Grant for Personal Protection Equipment

United Way of St. Clair County (UWSCC) announces the granting of funds for Hunter Hospitality House (HHH) through their Emergency Services Fund ~ COVID-19 Relief Aid (<u>uwstclair.org/EmergencyServicesFund-Covid-19-ReliefAid</u>). These funds have provided disposable gloves and face masks for HHH's staff, volunteers, and guests to help them to remain as safe as possible from the COVID-19 pandemic. UWSCC supports the plan HHH has implemented to assure their guests, staff, and volunteers remain healthy while in their homes.

HHH is an Affiliated Organization of UWSCC. They provide free lodging to adults who either: have a loved one who is hospitalized or at a local medical facility like Blue Water Hospice; are experiencing outpatient treatment of their own (cancer, wound care, testing, etc.); or are in need of a place to stay the night before a surgery or medical procedure. They are able to offer nights of stay through the work of regular, volunteer house cleaners, outdoor maintenance, and special project participants.

COVID-19 funds cannot be used for individuals seeking financial support at this time. UWSCC recommends all individuals with any type of need to dial 2-1-1, or (888) 636-4211, to be connected with available information and resources. Please remember, many organizations have staff working from home and require individuals to leave a phone message. Visit <u>uwstclair.org/HealthFirst</u> for more household resources.

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About United Way of St. Clair County

The United Way of St. Clair County was founded in 1924. Its mission is to mobilize the community of St. Clair County to raise funds and resources to meet identified human service needs with the highest level of accountability and community involvement. For more information, visit <u>www.uwstclair.org</u>.