

# Greater Sullivan County Community Relief Fund

## Impact Report April 1, 2020- July 31, 2020

Charlestown Community  
Garden



*Funded water source and 20 additional  
beds for the new community garden*

Kearsarge Council on Aging



*Funded transportation and mileage for  
vulnerable seniors needing essentials*

Claremont Senior Center



*Funded costs due to operational losses that allowed  
them to continue meal programs for seniors*

## Acknowledgements

Greater Sullivan Strong would like to thank the many funding partners who have donated to the Community Relief Fund. Without your generosity, many of the Greater Sullivan County community partners, whose work supports some of our most vulnerable populations, would be unable overcome the challenges of COVID-19 and thus unable to provide their services. We thank Dartmouth-Hitchcock Population Health, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Philanthropy, the Endowment for Health, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the many local donors of Greater Sullivan County.

In addition, Greater Sullivan Strong would like to acknowledge the work of our fiscal agent, Sullivan County and our fundraising entity, Sullivan County United Way for their dedication to the region. These organizations both came forward in a time of need to help support the local community in preparing for and recovering from the challenges caused by COVID-19. We are grateful for their continued partnership.

As we continue in the mission of Greater Sullivan Strong, to activate in times of crisis to increase community capacity, health equity, and resiliency, these partners allow our region to continue to be...

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# By The Numbers



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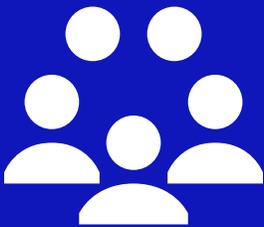
**Number of non-profit requests granted**

Nearly \$100,000 have been granted to non-profits in Greater Sullivan County to support families and individuals experiencing difficulties during the pandemic through the Relief Fund



**50%  
Increase**

A local Community Dental Center was able to increase both capacity and revenue by 50% due to dollars granted through the Community Relief Fund



**82  
Clients**

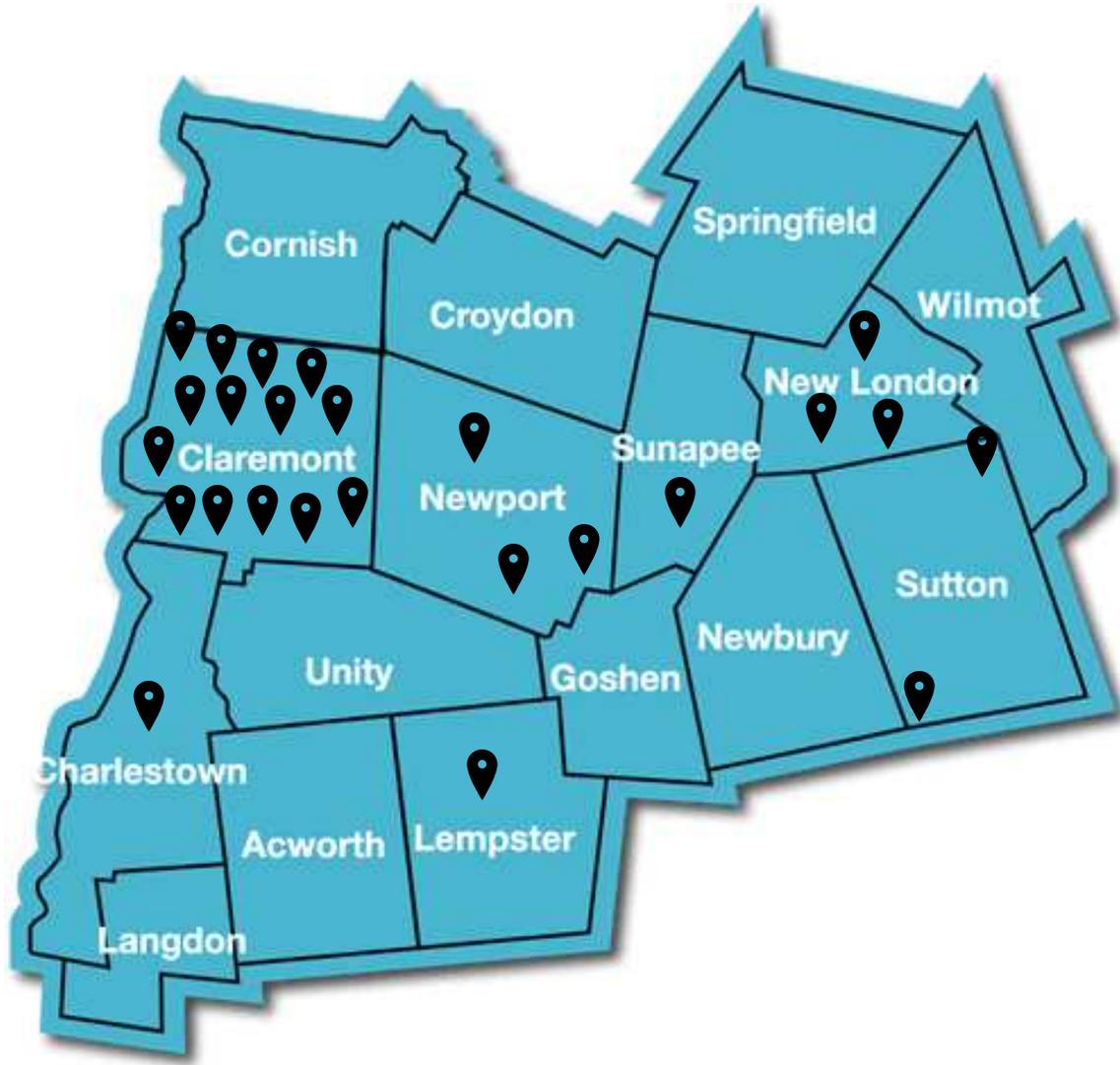
Served with Funds from the Community Relief Fund by providing new, updated technology to run hybrid (online + in-person) recovery support groups more effectively



**50%  
of Greater Sullivan  
County**

Has been served with the Community Relief Fund. We are still looking to serve the remaining 50% of the region

# Where Funds Have Been Dispersed



# Organizations That Have Been Provided Funding Support



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## Family Supports

- TLC Family Resource Center
- Baby Steps Family Assistance
- Sullivan County Court Diversion
- Sullivan County Humane Society
- Southwestern Community Services
- Shining Success



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## Food Access

- Got Lunch! Newport
- Claremont Soup Kitchen
- Kearsarge Kares
- Kearsarge Food Hub
- Charlestown Community Garden
- Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Sullivan County Nutrition



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## Maintaining Older Adult Health

- Maple Manor Apartments
- Claremont Senior Center
- Kearsarge Council on Aging- Chapin Center
- ServiceLink
- Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice



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## Health and Other Organizations

- Sullivan County Oral Health Collaborative
- Headrest, Inc.
- West Central Behavioral Health
- The Center for Recovery Resources
- The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce

# Claremont Senior Center

We opened a couple of days a week for three weeks, but we closed again because we had so many who would not wear masks which the Board of Directors mandated. We are hoping to open 2 days a week at the beginning of September, and gradually expanding to increase our hours. We hope to start our Wednesday afternoon Bingo soon, and our usual activities. We currently have Foot Clinic from VNA 3 times a month and Miracle Ear is open twice a week as well. We are allowing events that rent as special events and we have hosted American Red Cross Blood Drives each month since March. We still have few rental events scheduled and very little income. Support from GSC has helped us immensely, and Mascoma Bank has donated to keep our meals to a minimal cost, \$4 for members, \$5 for non members, open to the public, geared toward seniors. We are serving 35 to 60 meals each day on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a Drive by takeout format. This is a 20% increase from our in house dining.

Our membership is strong; we are nearly 400, with renewals and new memberships. We are looking forward to working with the "new normal".

# Charlestown Community Garden

The Charlestown Community Garden currently has 28 garden beds, serving 20 families and the Charlestown Food Shelf. In addition to these families, the awareness of the ability to grow one's own food has grown through conversation and excitement surrounding this project.

The relief dollars from the Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Relief Fund made it possible to have water at our site. Without the Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Relief Fund, we would not be able to purchase and maintain a water tank on site and water would have to have been carried in by each participant. This would have made the garden inaccessible to many who do not have the capability of carrying heavy water jugs to their garden beds.

The Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Relief Fund has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many families, directly at the Charlestown Community Garden for the opportunity to grown their own food in a beautiful and accessible location and indirectly through the ability of volunteers to bring forth a project that benefits Charlestown citizens at a time when everyone needs something tangible to feel good about. We could not have provided this without your support.

# Kearsarge Kares

The Kearsarge Kares backpack program feeds close to 70 individuals weekly. Perhaps more. I know at the Middle School alone, we supplement 11 families, each with over 4 people in the home. The Nurses run the backpack program in the Middle and High school, as well as 4 Elementary schools. We also deliver food to these families over the summer months.

While we have a 'pantry' that has non perishables, we like to shop for produce, eggs, milk, meat, etc. These funds assist us with those expenses.

Without donations, we would not be able to sustain Kearsarge Kares. We rely on food donations as well as monetary donations. We all know that healthy, fresh food is more expensive than less nutritious foods. We want to help support our students the best we can to be the best THEY can. Food should not be something they have to worry about. We have always said that there are no questions to answer, no forms to fill out. If there is a need, we want to help. With these relief funds, we have been able to continue this mission.