

Greater Sullivan County Community Relief Fund

Impact Report

April 1, 2020- March 31, 2022



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 to 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...



By The Numbers



\$202,000

**distributed to local
non-profit partners**

Over \$202,000 was granted to non-profits in Greater Sullivan County to support families and individuals experiencing difficulties during the pandemic through the Relief Fund



\$31,710

**distributed to support
our senior community**

More than \$31,000 was granted to non-profits in Greater Sullivan County supporting our senior population.



\$76,000

**distributed for nutrition
related services**

More than \$76,000 was granted to non-profits in Greater Sullivan County supporting nutrition programs for our community.



\$39,000

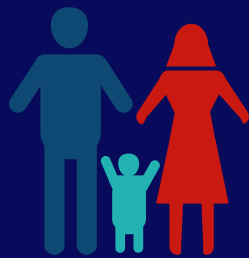
**distributed to support
behavioral health
services**

More than \$39,000 was granted to non-profits in Greater Sullivan County supporting mental health and recovery services

Organizations That Have Been Provided Funding Support

Family Supports

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



Food Access

Got Lunch! Newport
Claremont Soup Kitchen
Kearsarge Kares
Kearsarge Food Hub
Charlestown Community Garden
KLS Community Food Pantry
Sullivan County Nutrition
River Valley Community College
New London Hospital
Colby-Sawyer College



Maintaining Older Adult Health

Claremont Senior Center
Kearsarge COA- Chapin Center
Lake Sunapee VNA & Hospice
Sullivan County Nutrition Services
ServiceLink
Maple Manor Apartments



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
Community Clothing
Closet at SAU 43
Millie's Place



The GSS Community COVID-19 Relief Fund has distributed **over \$202,000** to a total of **30 organizations**, including Southwestern Community Services HUB Funding. HUB Funding provided **direct relief to community members in Greater Sullivan County.**



Southwestern Community Services HUB Funding
for COVID-19 Hardships
July 1, 2020 - February 1, 2022



Housing

- More than \$14,000 was distributed to provide housing stabilization in Greater Sullivan County
- Support included rental assistance, emergency housing, groceries & utilities



Electric & Fuel Assistance

- More than \$14,100 was distributed to provide electric & fuel assistance for residents of Greater Sullivan County



Childcare

- More than \$1,700 was distributed to support childcare in Greater Sullivan County
- Families partnered with TLC Family Resource Center for childcare



Transportation

- More than \$7,500 was distributed to support transportation in Greater Sullivan County
- This included bus passes and last mile taxi services

Sullivan County Nutrition Services

Newport Senior Center

"Your recent COVID-19 donation is a life changing gift that gives seniors access to the most important necessity in life, food. COVID-19 has created many challenges and demands while preparing and delivering meals to older adults.

Your donation has assisted us with meeting some of these challenges and additional requirements needed to provide a safe environment for those we serve and our staff during the pandemic.

In addition, your gift has the power to break the cycle of malnutrition and to protect and save lives, especially amid the current pandemic that has severely limited food access. We can't do this safely without donors like you.

We recently received a letter from a Meals-on-Wheels (m.o.w.) participant who had been experiencing many health issues resulting in her dropping weight to a dangerously low weight of just 69 pounds.

Since receiving m.o.w., she credits our program for helping her achieve a healthier weight of 90 pounds and because she continues to receive a daily, nutritious meal, she is now also able to maintain the weight she has not been able to maintain for the past two years.

Together, we can continue to change lives. We couldn't do it without you and look forward to fighting against senior hunger in the future."



River Valley Community College Student Food Pantry

With the \$600 provided by the Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Relief Fund, River Valley Community College was able to distribute 1200 grab and go snacks/ lunch items during the months of October, November and December of 2020. With your generous contribution, we were able to distribute snacks within 10 days of being made aware of the increasing need. During the same time frame, RVCC made 4,652 lbs of food from the NH Food Bank available to students. The 1200 snacks met a unique and specific need for our students (that was not met by the NH Food Bank food) who are food insecure. Those juggling student schedules, parenting duties, and work obligations were able to eat “on the go” thanks to the funding that you all provided. Thank you again for your generosity and dedication to the community.

What our Community Partners are Saying about the Community Relief Fund

“ Thank you so much for this! ...While it's been a challenging couple of years for all of us, I know I speak for many organizations when I say how grateful we are that we had the chance to work together through Greater Sullivan Strong.
-**Southwestern Community Services**

We are grateful to receive them and our direct services team will be excited to have funds to assist survivors with COVID-related needs.

Turning Points Network

We have been helping many families in our community with basic needs as they recover from COVID, so this funding will be extremely helpful.

TLC Family Resource Center

Awesome! Thanks so much. That is a tremendous help

Newport Senior Center

...thank you and the Greater Sullivan Strong for this grant to support our families with basic needs, it is very much appreciated and could not have come at a better time.
- **Baby Steps Family Assistance**

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Thank you for supporting our work in the community during this time and for granting us dollars from the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund. We remain incredibly grateful for your generous support.

-Valley Regional Hospital

We very much appreciate the grant funds which you have given to keep Millie's Place open.

Millie's Place

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful work you have done to assist in helping organizations like our prepare to our part to help reduce the spread of Covid-19.

**Sullivan County
Nutrition Services**

It has been so great to be able to organize our mess... It also allowed some of the middle school students great volunteer hours, along with building a sense of community and support
-Closet at SAU43

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This grant helped to keep many clients in treatment, which is of great benefit during these times.

**West Central
Behavioral Health**

Thank you for all of your awesome work on this.

Shelley, Community Member

We really appreciate the support we've received from this fund! It has been pivotal. Thank you so much.

-Kearsarge Food Hub

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Thank you

— Greater Sullivan —

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The word "STRONG" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a blue circle containing a white graphic of two hands shaking, symbolizing partnership or agreement.