



Forever Mississippi

NEWSLETTER

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For a Stronger Future

A Note from Jane Alexander, president & CEO

Dear partners and friends,

We continue to be inspired by the meaningful and transformational work happening in communities across Mississippi.

Despite the personal losses that many of us have experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mississippians have become stronger and more unified. Individuals and organizations have come together to better serve each other. Nonprofits and foundations are working with private companies to provide aid to their communities. People are supporting their local stores and community centers to ensure these businesses remain open. Individuals are sharing their resources to help their neighbors through hard times. We have truly come together.

Even with all of the good we are seeing, the need in our state is still great. Over the next several months, we will be working with our community foundation partners to ensure that Mississippi nonprofits have the resources they need to continue supporting their communities.

We ask you to join us. You can help create a stronger future for Mississippi by supporting one of our nonprofit partners. If you have a cause that is near and dear to your heart, let us help you create a giving plan that will ensure your contribution supports positive change in your community. Visit our website or give us a call to learn more.

Together we are **for Mississippi, for good. Forever.**

Sincerely,



Jane Alexander
President and CEO



CARES Act Funding for Nonprofits



Nonprofits and food pantries have been an essential part of Mississippi's COVID-19 response efforts. The Community Foundation for Mississippi has joined community foundations across the state to ensure that nonprofits and food pantries have the resources they need to continue serving their communities.

The Mississippi Legislature established the Community Foundations COVID-19 Grant Program to provide CARES Act funds to eligible nonprofits and food pantries. Organizations can apply for reimbursements of pandemic-related expenses incurred after March 1, 2020.

Funding is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Organizations may check their eligibility and apply online. For more information or to apply, visit www.mscaresgrant.com.



MS CARES

A PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS NETWORK

GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS
AND FOOD PANTRIES





Jackson Ready to Step Forward Project Update

More than 30 Jackson-area community members are taking small actions that lead to positive, transformative change. The group is participating in the Harwood Institute's Public Innovators Lab in partnership with the Community Foundation for Mississippi. Over the past several weeks, these leaders have hosted community conversations to identify critical issues facing people in Jackson. Small groups are forming that will outline small actions we can begin to take to create widespread community change.

Learn more about this work at www.jacksonready.formississippi.org.



Create Community with Us

As we come to the end of 2020, we are reminded of the strength and power of community. This year especially, we have seen families share what they have to help friends and neighbors. We have watched organizations find innovative ways to support people in need. Even with social distancing, we have found ways to connect with each other. All of this creates the foundation of community, and CFM is positioned to build on that foundation.

Now more than ever, we need your help. Please consider a 2020 gift to CFM. Your support means we can continue to address community needs while making the most out of every dollar and giving opportunity.

Visit www.formississippi.org for more information and to donate online.

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