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United Way of North Central Florida Launches "United We Care" Emergency Relief Fund

GAINESVILLE, FL (March 17, 2020) — In light of the recent COVID-19 situation, United Way of North Central Florida (UWNCFL) has launched the United We Care Emergency Relief Fund to support our nonprofit Community Impact Partners as they serve affected community members.

As we know many residents of North Central Florida will be affected by various school and business closures. During this constantly changing time, we hope that by providing further support to our Community Impact Partners, they in turn can assist many more community members in need. United We Care funds are designated to help provide assistance with rent, utilities, food, toiletries and gas (as needed).

"Many of our local community members live paycheck-to-paycheck and do not have the ability to save for unforeseen events, such as a global pandemic," said Mona Gil de Gibaja, UWNCFL President & CEO. "Donations made to this crucial fund will help to keep families housed, fed and stable during this unsteady time."

Furthermore, UWNCFL has pledged that 100% of the donations to the United We Care fund will go straight to helping local community members in need and no administrative costs will be taken, said Gil de Gibaja.

Community members seeking assistance can dial 2-1-1 or 352-332-4636 to get connected with local resources.

For more information and to donate to UWNCFL's United We Care Emergency Relief Fund, please visit: www.unitedwayncfl.org/COVID-19.

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United Way of North Central Florida fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community and has been a staple in North Central Florida since 1957. We serve a six-county area that includes Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties. Since our inception, we have raised nearly \$100 million for the region. Our top priority is to create real social change that leads to better lives and healthier communities for North Central Florida.

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