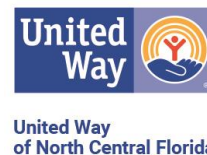


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### ***Nationwide Donates \$35,000 to United Way of North Central Florida's United We Care Fund***

**GAINESVILLE, FL (April 9, 2020)** — The Nationwide Foundation has awarded United Way of North Central Florida (UWNCFL) a \$35,000 grant to the United We Care Emergency Relief fund to help combat the effects of COVID-19 for local community members.

“Nationwide has partnered with United Way of North Central Florida for many years and we’re pleased to be able to give to such a worthy cause,” said Chad Jester, President, Nationwide Foundation. “Giving to United Way is always an easy decision since we know that the dollars will go to where they are most needed in the community.”

In March, UWNCFL launched their United We Care Emergency Relief fund to support nonprofit Community Impact Partners who are helping community members affected by COVID-19 by providing assistance with rent, utilities, food, toiletries and gas (as needed).

So far 10 local organizations have received grants through the fund including Child Advocacy Center, Catholic Charities, Early Learning Coalition, Episcopal Children's Services, GACTA - Aces in Motion, Gainesville Opportunity Center, Pace Center for Girls, Peaceful Paths, Partnership for Strong Families and St. Francis House.

“Alongside the Community Foundation, we are continuing to assess the community’s needs and plan to grant additional available funds from United We Care to our partners,” said Mona Gil de Gibaja, UWNCFL President & CEO. “This generous gift from Nationwide will help keep community members fed, housed and safe during this trying time.”

For more information and to donate to the United We Care fund, please visit [www.unitedwayncfl.org/covid-19](http://www.unitedwayncfl.org/covid-19).

For help with rent, utilities, food or toiletries, please dial 2-1-1 or 352-332-4636, or visit [www.unitedwayncfl.org/211](http://www.unitedwayncfl.org/211).

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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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