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Blue Mountain Village Foundation (BMVF) knows that COVID-19 is causing great challenges for our South Georgian Bay Community, increasing the demands on families, health care teams, essential workers, businesses and our local charitable organizations. That is why we launched our Accelerated Spring Grant Program with streamlined criteria and a desire to donate funds to organizations that need support right now to help our community adapt to the crisis and help those most in need.

We asked local organizations to send us one-page grant requests that included the issues they were mobilizing to address, creative approaches used to meet the challenges, and collaborations and partnerships they were implementing to magnify impact. As a result of applications received, we are proud to announce the granting of \$17,000 split evenly among the following 17 successful agencies:

- Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce
- Beaver Valley Outreach
- Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts
- Breaking Down Barriers
- Collingwood Hospital Foundation
- Community Connection – Out of the Cold Program
- Environment Network
- Gilda's Club
- Golden Town Outreach
- Home Horizon – Barbara Weider House
- Marsh Street Centre
- Meaford Community Gardens
- Meaford Farmers Market
- Meaford Hospital Foundation
- My Friends House
- Senior's Care Meal Delivery Program
- Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary

In addition to meeting criteria of the Accelerated Grant Program, all successful applicants demonstrated that they were:

- Meeting immediate needs of the most vulnerable members of our community.
- Pivoting and adapting their business models to address immediate needs as well as preparing for needs that are on the horizon as a result of COVID-19.
- Delivering programs that leverage technology and other adaptive operations to increase accessibility in the wake of personal distancing and quarantine realities.

Grant recipient programming is focused on key important areas of need: multi-disciplinary health care services, food security and services, personal protective equipment production and distribution, shelter



and support for homelessness, specialized support for seniors and families who are isolated or lack resources, and finally programs that enrich our community connections during a time of unprecedented isolation.

Blue Mountain Village Foundation will disburse funds to successful grant recipients on May 8, 2020.

On behalf of our fundraising team and partners, our Board of Directors and Staff and all members of the Blue Mountain Village Community, we extend a sincere THANK YOU to all local service agencies, first responders and essential service teams who are going above and beyond to support our community. We are in this together, and together we are stronger!

The Blue Mountain Village Foundation exists to close social gaps in our community, supporting local charitable organizations located in South Georgian Bay (including Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Stayner, Town of the Blue Mountains, Meaford, Duntroon, Singhampton, Kimberley & Creemore). We raise funds via an annual golf tournament as well as other events and activations. Since our inception over 15 years ago, we have raised more than 1.57 million dollars that has been invested back into our community through meaningful and necessary programs and support services. We achieve our objectives through advocacy, fundraising, program delivery and effective marketing and communication.

Funding and bursaries information can be obtained via BMVF's website at:

www.bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation

Direct donations can be made to support the Blue Mountain Village Foundation at:

<https://bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation/donate> Reg. Charity #84842 0949

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