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COVINGTON, LA - The Northshore Community Foundation launched the Northshore Emergency Relief Fund on March 14, 2020 amid the growing COVID-19 crises in our region, country and across the globe. By March 25, 2020 the Foundation had made its first round of grants to deploy much-needed funds to the critical organizations who are working to feed our most vulnerable populations.

In its first round of grants, the Foundation distributed $125,000 dollars to organizations focused on meeting the immediate needs of the hungry around our region. Some of those organizations include the Northshore Food Bank, Our Daily Bread Food Bank in Tangipahoa, Good Samaritan Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, New Orleans Mission, Community Christian Concern and The Samaritan Center.

“I cannot thank the Foundation, its donors and team enough for this very generous gift. We will be utilizing this gift to maximize our distribution to those being impacted during this crisis right now. We are seeing more and more new families daily and last week we served nearly double what we normally provide,” said Terri Turner Marse, CEO of the Northshore Food Bank.

In addition to the grants given to feed the needy, the Foundation also distributed $60,000 to the United Way/ Louisiana Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund to distribute grants to hospitality staff affected by COVID-19. The Foundation is also working with Northshore hospitals to support their critical healthcare staff with food, equipment and supplies.

The Northshore Community Foundation will continue to raise and deploy funds through the Emergency Relief Fund and those interested in contributing can visit NorthshoreFoundation.org/northshore-emergency-relief

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The Northshore Community Foundation was started more than 13 years ago as a way to leverage generosity by uniting human and financial resources to enhance the quality of life on the Northshore. Their emergency response funds deal directly with emerging crises in the region and can be deployed at a moment’s notice.