



Grove Park Foundation's COVID-19 response and support opportunities

Dear Friends,

We know that you are all responding each in your own way, personal and professional, to the needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic in these unprecedented times.

Grove Park Foundation is committed to the safety and the wellbeing of our staff and the residents of Grove Park. Staff are working remotely, and we have cancelled in-person events and meetings as we pivot to online resources and opportunities. But our staff are very busy reaching out individually to residents, via phone and computer, to share information and determine any needs they may have, and we continue to work with our many partners to ensure that Grove Park residents have access to every resource available.

Grove Park Foundation is connecting with residents in this time of crisis.

As you may imagine, truly understanding the needs of the Grove Park residents during these trying times is a day-by-day evolving effort, and there may be needs in the coming weeks that we do not yet recognize. Grove Park Foundation's years of work as a Community Quarterback have positioned us uniquely to hear from our neighbors and work together with them address those needs. Residents of Grove Park are vulnerable in a multitude of ways:

- 95% + of students depend on school for breakfast and lunch each school day and now face challenges to access healthy food
- 75-80% of employed residents work in the service industry and are now experiencing immediate and drastic loss of income
- Seniors feel unsafe gaining access to food, medicine and other essential items.

Grove Park Foundation is meeting resident needs in collaboration with our Grove Park community partners as follows:

- We have received initial seed funding that is supporting emergency rent and utility subsidies for residents who have experienced a loss of income or employment to prevent eviction and displacement. Grove Park Foundation is working with KIPP Woodson Park Academy and Paradise Community Development Corporation to serve as points of access to screen families and individuals who are seeking emergency financial assistance. We have received \$52,500, and we seek to match and expand this emergency fund to meet critical needs. We have established an intake program with appropriate documentation requirements and direct payment to appropriate parties. The residents of Grove Park, now more than ever, need financial support to meet to help stabilize them over these rocky and unforeseen circumstances. To donate online to the emergency fund:
<https://groveparkfoundation.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=29&>
- We are monitoring the volunteer needs of our partners and sharing those opportunities with individuals and companies who seek to serve the residents

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of Grove Park. For volunteer opportunities, contact Karen Rose, krose@groveparkfoundation.org.

- In partnership with the Grove Park Neighborhood Association and Paradise Missionary Baptist Church, we are gathering cleaning supplies, antibacterial hand sanitizer, Tylenol and Advil, and paper products such as toilet paper and tissues to provide to seniors through the senior residential tower and other seniors in need. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact: Karen Rose, krose@groveparkfoundation.org.

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Grove Park Foundation is continuing our mission to revitalize the Grove Park neighborhood in improving the quality of life by working with local partners, leaders and residents to create a healthy, equitable and vibrant community.

Recovery from the current crisis will require the foundation's ongoing commitment to work with the neighborhood to stabilize residents and create opportunities for their better future. Through our Neighborhood Owning Wealth (N.O.W) Financial Capability program, Grove Park Foundation continues our work to provide financial literacy, one-on-one financial counseling, job training and referrals, and small business development that will prepare 1,500 community members to increase their household incomes, qualify for the affordable housing opportunities coming online in the next 18-36 months, and participate in economic growth that will buffer them from the impacts of future crises.

In each of these ways, and many more, Grove Park Foundation is continuing our work with and for the Grove Park neighborhood and we are grateful for your partnership.

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