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The Center for Youth and Family Solutions Awarded Grants for COVID-19 Recovery

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Peoria, Ill., May 14, 2020 – The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) is excited to announce the receipt of three grants that will help support families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. “As a human service organization, there is nothing more important to us than to ensure the families and children we serve have their basic needs met at all times. Now, during the pandemic, many families are facing the financial impact of COVID-19,” states Tim Glancy, Associate Director of CYFS. The agency has responded by applying for several COVID-19 recovery grants offered by local community foundations.

The grants CYFS has received so far are:

Quad Cities Community Foundation awarded CYFS \$4,600 to be used for technology for clients in the Quad Cities who had no ability to communicate during the pandemic. Glancy stated, “As we moved into shelter in place, we found that many of our families we serve did not have the ability to connect with us. We are so happy we can meet some of those needs by using the grant awarded by the QC Community Foundation to purchase cell phones with video capability so that we can continue to provide vital services for our foster and intact families.”

John M Scott Health Care Commission awarded CYFS \$7,150 to be used for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), food, and utility support for clients residing in McLean County. “So many of our families now have children in the home 24/7 without the assistance of school meals. Food insecurity has become a serious issue with many families. Our goal is to provide food or utility vouchers to those families and individuals who are truly in need of support,” continued Glancy. CYFS will also purchase much needed PPE equipment both for their social workers and the families they serve.

Community Foundation of Central Illinois awarded CYFS \$4,000 to be used for food and/or utility vouchers served by their Peoria location. “Food insecurity in the greater Peoria area is a real problem. The good news is we have direct access to families who truly need assistance and can provide that to them now with this funding”, stated Glancy.

“We thank these foundations – and those individuals that contributed to them- so that we can help people who are truly suffering. We are truly in this together, and as a community, it is great to see us all come together to achieve solutions,” summarized Glancy.

CYFS is a not-for-profit human services agency that works with those who have been impacted by trauma, grief and loss, abuse and neglect, and other significant family life challenges. The organization provides foster care and adoption services; behavioral health counseling; intact family intervention; residential services for youth; senior services; and youth, family, and community outreach services. Its mission is to engage and serve children and families in need with dignity, compassion, and respect by building upon individual and community strengths to resolve life challenges. **CYFS has 11 offices across Illinois, and annually serves over 20,000 individuals in 37 counties throughout central Illinois.**

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