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The Center for Youth and Family Solutions Actively Supports Vulnerable Families through the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund

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Peoria, Ill., July 10 – The Center for Youth and Family Solutions was one of the nonprofit organizations to receive funding through the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund in its fourth and largest round of funding, which focuses on serving the state’s most vulnerable populations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the agency’s COVID Response Grants Coordinator, Jeff Turnbull, “in ten days, we have already provided over \$26,000 to support vulnerable families who truly are feeling the impact of COVID.” While the agency has been able to provide support for basic needs, such as food vouchers, utility bills, rent/mortgage and transportation needs, they have also focused on supporting clients who have been financially impacted and unable to afford critical items that will help with their overall well-being.

“We have also helped our foster families who care for medically complex youth in care with critical therapeutic needs. For instance, we were able to purchase a mini in-door trampoline for tele-physical therapy and we also were able to provide payment for a physical therapy evaluation and on-going physical and developmental therapy. These children may not have received this support for a long time without this funding,” reported Turnbull.

The agency will continue to help support clients who are facing hard times during the pandemic with the goal of distributing all funds by August.

More information on the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund can be found at ilcovidresponsefund.org.

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; crisis pregnancy 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 statewide.**

For more information on The Center for Youth and Family Solutions, please visit www.cyfsolutions.org or contact Celeste Matheson at 309-323-6619.

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