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DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED IN COORDINATION WITH CITY OF MOBILE

The Community Foundation of South Alabama established Disaster Relief Fund in response to the COVID-19 situation

MOBILE, Ala. March 23, 2020— The Community Foundation of South Alabama, in coordination with the City of Mobile, announced the activation of the Disaster Relief Fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund will provide support for relief efforts to aid those affected by any natural or man-made disaster, in this case specifically those affected by COVID-19, to the Mobile area as declared by the Mayor of Mobile.

With an official state of emergency announced by Governor Kay Ivey, COVID-19 is anticipated to have a serious economic and social impact on the region. The Fund will provide resources and basic needs with the goal of addressing any demands for help from those in this community effected by COVID-19.

“These are difficult times for our nation, as well as our local community,” said Community Foundation of South Alabama President & CEO Rebecca Byrne. “We are asking people to give to the Disaster Relief Fund so that together, we can address all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic as effectively and efficiently as possible.”

This Fund is not an endowment and is fully expendable. Members of the community who wish to support aid to those affected by COVID-19 may donate to the Disaster Relief Fund by utilizing the Foundation’s website, communityfoundationsa.org. Administrative fees are waived so that every dollar will go directly to assistance.

“COVID-19 is first and foremost a public health crisis,” said Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson. “But it is also an economic crisis that is having a devastating effect on so many of our citizens. We must protect lives and we must protect livelihoods as well. The Disaster Relief Fund is a crucial resource to help those who are hurting as a result of this pandemic.”

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About The Community Foundation of South Alabama

The Community Foundation of South Alabama is a nonprofit charitable organization that plays a key role in meeting the needs of an eight-county region through leadership and grants. The Foundation serves as a vessel for donors, volunteers and the community to share ideas, identify issues and build financial resources necessary to make improvements and positively impact the community.

The Foundation administers a collection of charitable funds established by members of the community. Since its founding in 1976, the Foundation has awarded more than \$79 million in grants to nonprofit organizations to support programs that make life better in the community. The Community Foundation builds lasting endowments to ensure grants are available to support the community forever.

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