

About our 2020 Community Grant Finalists



Active Heroes

About: Active Heroes' mission is to support all U.S. military service members, veterans and their families through physical, educational, and emotional programs in an effort to eliminate suicide.

Funds will be used for: We would like to expand with a training farm program at our Military Family Retreat Center located in Shepherdsville, KY, that will train Veterans in farming and growing techniques to teach valuable skills that help prepare Veterans to grow crops. This retreat center is designed to help military families heal and is open to military families free of charge and visitors can schedule a day to visit the grounds during hours of staffing, schedule a cabin vacation or sign up for selected camping dates with cookouts. We offer hiking trails, archery, camping and more.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries

About: KRM's provides resettlement services to refugees through faith- and agency-based co-sponsorship in order to promote self-sufficiency and successful integration into our community. KRM is committed to offering access to community resources and opportunities and to promoting awareness of diversity for the benefit of the whole community.

Funds will be used: 1) provide direct financial assistance to families needing support for emergency rental or utility payments and 2) to support case management services that empower families to achieve self-sufficiency. Refugees bring with them diverse backgrounds and levels of literacy, education, trauma, as well as an eagerness for educational and career attainment. In recent years, KRM has welcomed more single-parent households--mostly mothers--and large families that require tailored support. For those with chronic health conditions, sometimes as a result of trauma or war, KRM offers medical and mental health navigation.

Lighthouse Promise

About: Lighthouse Academy at Newburg provides youth in our community a safe place to learn and grow through educational, spiritual, and economic programs. Provides a free out of school and summer tutoring, youth development, and social-emotional learning program for at-risk youth in the Newburg neighborhood.

Funds will be used for: Funding will support our students in our Out of School Time programs.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

About: Works to strengthen families and individuals affected by mental illness through education, support and advocacy.

Funds will be used for: NAMI Louisville provides all programming free of charge to the seven county area surrounding Louisville and Southern Indiana. We provide educational classes and support groups on an ongoing basis and must provide each participant with materials for support and manuals for education. We offer presentations to teachers to help support and identify mental health needs in their students. We offer LMPD Crisis Intervention Training, as well as local college and university nursing, pharmacy and psychology students as part of their training. Purchasing materials for these programs cost nearly \$20,000 last year and the demand for our programming, and for training of additional facilitators to lead those programs, is rapidly increasing. Funds would be used for the cost of program materials and to help us train and expand our programming to meet the growing needs of our community.

Senior Care Experts

About: To enable seniors to live healthy, comfortable and fulfilling lives at home. Oftentimes people see an elderly person and they assume that person has family to care for them. Many of these individuals have no family at all. SeniorCare Experts is their family. We offer guidance, consultations, assessments and resources based on what that individual needs. We check on them to make sure they are okay and provide various services that allow them to remain in their homes.

Funds will be used for: Funds would be used for our Home Delivered Meals Program. Our meals are prepared by chefs at Masonic Homes. The meals are delivered by trained, caring volunteers that also serve as another set of eyes on the individual - a wellness check. Our meals are \$7 each, however this is a hardship for many seniors. We would utilize grant funds to help subsidize the cost of meals for qualified individuals.. We deliver anywhere between 110 to 130 meals per day.