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**Covid-19**

**Emergency Funding**

*Jefferson Community Foundation is pleased to announce*

# **The Rotary Club of Port Townsend**

**has donated \$25,000 to the**

**[Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund!](#)**

The Rotary Club of Port Townsend (also known as “Noon Rotary”) announced this week that they decided to end their 2020 Community Grants Program and **donate the entire \$25,000 budget to the [COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund](#)** at the Jefferson Community Foundation. These funds will support organizations in Jefferson County that are providing food, shelter, financial support and mental health services to those impacted by the pandemic and the related economic impacts.

**The mission of Noon Rotary is Service Above Self.** Each year, they raise money to distribute to charitable organizations throughout the community. This year, though, they changed direction to focus on the crises at hand and join the community-wide effort of support. Noon Rotary president, Carla Caldwell, stated *“We really trust Jefferson Community Foundation to be strategic with this money. They are uniquely situated to determine the most urgent and basic needs of our community. This is what community foundations do—they look at the whole picture.”*

**This gift augments donations from over 140 other people and organizations** and brings the total amount raised for the Jefferson County

[COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund](#) to just under \$200,000. Funding decisions are made each week by a Grantmaking Team that includes: Meredith Wagner, former director of Jefferson County Libraries District; Jean Baldwin, former Health Director of Jefferson Public Health; Kathleen Kler, former County Commissioner District 3; and Rose Lincoln Hamilton, Chair of the Board of Jefferson Community Foundation. Nonprofits that are providing basic services to those impacted by COVID can apply at [JCFgives.org](http://JCFgives.org).

*“The Rotary Club of Port Townsend is a shining example of how we can all have more impact by pooling our gifts together. The landscape of needs is changing each week. By giving to the Emergency Fund, we can be strategic and flexible as the situation evolves.”* said Siobhan Canty, president & CEO of Jefferson Community Foundation. *“We are so very grateful for their trust and support.”*

**Donations can be made at [www.JCFgives.org](http://www.JCFgives.org).** As Caldwell emphasized, the Rotary Club of Port Townsend is acting in solidarity with JCF and the community, **“If we don’t fight this together, we won’t have the same results.”**



## Stay in touch with JCF

Things are changing so rapidly, we want you to have the most up to date information about resources available, how to maximize your donations and grants made from the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.

- visit [www.jcfgives.org](http://www.jcfgives.org)
- join us for the Weekly Community Update [Zoom Call](#) on Friday's at 4pm.
- follow us on [Facebook](#)

We appreciate you and all the ways you support this amazing community!