

NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACTIVATES DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

March 12, 2020 – Napa, CA – In response to today’s emergency declaration by Napa County related to COVID-19, Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) has activated the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund, and committed an initial and immediate \$100,000 to support efforts to help slow the spread of the virus within Napa County. Donations of any size are welcomed.

“As we closely monitor how the Novel Coronavirus impacts our community, we will deploy additional financial resources to best meet evolving needs,” said NVCF President Terence Mulligan, who noted that the Foundation would pay special attention to populations in Napa County that may be particularly susceptible to becoming seriously ill, like the elderly, the medically frail and those living in congregant settings. “We are concerned about community health and about the potential for working families to face economic hardship and food insecurity in the months ahead,” he added.

The Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund has provided resources for short-term relief and long-term recovery to 25,000 survivors of the 2014 South Napa Earthquake and the 2017 Napa Fire Complex. To date, across these two most recent disasters, the Fund has distributed nearly \$18 million in the form of direct financial assistance to survivors, and to pay for relief and recovery services like temporary shelter, meals, medical care, counseling, legal aid, and assistance in navigating insurance claims. The Fund is managed by NVCF and was established with a \$10 million lead gift from Napa Valley Vintners following the 2014 South Napa Earthquake.

To make a tax-deductible gift to the Fund, please visit www.napavalleycf.org.

About Napa Valley Community Foundation

Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) works side-by-side with local donors and nonprofits to tackle the most important challenges our Valley faces. Now celebrating 25 years of service to the community, the foundation has distributed more than \$50 million in grants to improve the quality of life for residents of the region, and currently serves as the philanthropic partner to thousands of individuals, families, nonprofit agencies and corporations in Napa Valley and beyond.

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