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***Buffalo Together Community Response Fund Announces Additional Grantees, Fund Co-Chairs and Updated Fund Total***

**Buffalo, N.Y.**– The Buffalo Together Community Response Fund, established in the wake of the horrific racially-motivated mass shooting at the Tops Market on Jefferson Avenue on May 14, 2022, is announcing additional grants to Black-led organizations, the co-chairs who will lead the Fund forward and an updated Fund total.

On May 27, 2022, the Fund announced initial support to 70 Black-led organizations that have a meaningful and long-term presence in the community, and that are working on the front lines to address urgent community need in the aftermath of the tragedy. Since then, an additional 15 organizations that are Black-led and responding to immediate needs in the Jefferson Avenue community have been awarded grants after further conversations and outreach in the community. The total awarded is now \$635,000 to 85 organizations. Grants range from \$5,000 - \$20,000. The new grantees are:

Agape AME Church	Groceries to Seniors Ministry at Journey Church
Buffalo Black Achievers	Kirby's Korner
Buffalo City Ballet	None Like You
Bury the Violence Foundation	Rehoboth House of Prayer
Confident Girl Mentoring	Tabernacle of Praise Church
Fillmore Forward	Women Against Violence Everywhere
Full Circle Family Service	Young Tabernacle Holiness Church
Girls of Grace Mentoring Program	

The Fund is now transitioning to a long-term community change investment effort that will accelerate the revitalization of East Buffalo. The Fund has named two co-chairs to move the process forward: Dr. LaVonne Ansari, CEO and executive director of the Community Health Center of Buffalo, Inc.; and Thomas Beauford, Jr., president & CEO of the Buffalo Urban League. Dr. Ansari and Mr. Beauford will lead the initial listening and learning phase of the work through the summer as they assemble a steering committee for the full effort. The Fund is continuing to monitor needs in mental health services as well.

The Buffalo Together Fund is a collaboration of 14 local funders coordinated by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and United Way of Buffalo & Erie County. It was built upon a collective desire to address urgent needs in our community and long-term community rebuilding to address systemic issues that have marginalized communities of color.

To date, \$5.2 million has been committed from nearly 80 local and national foundations and corporations, as well as more than 1,600 individuals from across the country who have donated online or mailed in checks. To contribute or see the full list of corporations and foundations who have committed support to date, please visit <http://www.buffalotogetherfund.org/>

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