

Buffalo Together

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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
- *Buffalo Black Achievers
- *Buffalo City Ballet
- *Bury the Violence Foundation
- *Confident Girl Mentoring
- *Fillmore Forward
- *Full Circle Family Service
- *Girls of Grace Mentoring Program

- *Groceries to Seniors Ministry at Journey Church
- *Kirby's Korner
- *None Like You
- *Rehoboth House of Prayer
- *Tabernacle of Praise Church
- *Women Against Violence Everywhere
- *Young Tabernacle Holiness Church

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. The co-chairs 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/>