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### Arlington Community FCU Announces COVID-19 Community Support Plan

ARLINGTON, VA (April 22, 2020) – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Arlington Community Federal Credit Union announced a holistic community support initiative focused on philanthropy and community service. The plan directs funding to local non-profit organizations and encourages staff volunteerism. In addition, ACFCU commits to community leadership, program development, and financial education. Components of the Community Support Plan include:

- **Donations totaling \$15,000 to organizations addressing urgent issues as a result of COVID-19:**
  - **Arlington Thrive:** Same day emergency assistance for neighbors in financial crisis
  - **Real Food for Kids:** Meals for Arlington Public Schools students in partnership with Bayou Bakery
  - **Doorways for Women and Families:** Shelter and care for families encountering domestic violence, including financial abuse
  - **Arlington Food Assistance Center:** Meeting increased demand for groceries by families in need
  - **Bridges to Independence:** Supporting families encountering homelessness
  - **Arlington Chamber of Commerce:** Providing key educational content for how businesses and nonprofits can work together
- **Caring for the Caretakers:** Providing meals to staff members of key organizations serving the community, including the Virginia Hospital Center Emergency Room
- **Mobilizing Community Volunteers:** Partnering with Volunteer Arlington to lead efforts to connect young professionals with distance-appropriate volunteer opportunities
- **Mobilizing ACFCU Staff Volunteers:** Pairing staff members with isolated seniors through Culpepper Garden's Friendly Callers program and students through Aspire! Afterschool Learning's reading and tutoring program
- **Financial Education:** Providing educational content to members and the community, including a recent blog post on fraud prevention with ARLnow.com

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“We are uplifted by a collective community desire to help those in need,” stated Karen L. Rosales, ACFCU President & CEO. “The credit union movement has always been about people helping people. We’re proud to be able to support our community on behalf of our membership at this time, and we encourage others to support our community in any way that they can.”

Community members and businesses can find additional ways to serve the community at Volunteer Arlington’s website: [volunteer.leadercenter.org/covid-19-care-community](http://volunteer.leadercenter.org/covid-19-care-community).

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**About Arlington Community Federal Credit Union**

For nearly 70 years, Arlington Community FCU ([arlingtoncu.org](http://arlingtoncu.org)) has been committed to empowering the financial lives of its members. The credit union serves nearly 23,000 members who live, work, worship, volunteer, go to school, and do business in Arlington, the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, and Fairfax County.