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## **Yolo COVID-19 Relief Fund Grants \$237,500 in Latest Round Towards Education Equity and Rental and Child Care Assistance**

(Woodland, CA) – In its latest round of grant funding, the Yolo COVID-19 Relief Fund (Relief Fund) has granted \$237,500 to four local nonprofits, RISE, Inc., Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network, Yolo County Children’s Alliance and Empower Yolo, for education equity programs and rental and childcare assistance. All four organizations will provide direct support for rental assistance and childcare to families impacted by COVID-19 and the resulting crisis. In addition, Empower Yolo will work on the educational equality challenges created by distance learning, with an emphasis on offering remote tutoring and supporting family engagement.

To date, the Relief Fund has raised more than \$690,000 in total to support the essential work of nonprofits responding to the COVID-19 crisis in two categories: 1) Front-line response, which addresses critical community needs that have been created or increased by the COVID-19 pandemic such as childcare, health care, health education or safety and 2) Nonprofit sustainability, which supports organizations at risk of closing or have had to substantially reduce services due to COVID-19.

“In the wake of challenging need these funds are a lifeline to a host of local organizations engaged in vital work,” said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Gary Sandy. “The funding promotes community resiliency and family stability. It’s an investment in our future.”

The Relief Fund has previously given over \$400,000 to 30 nonprofits throughout the region, including Meals on Wheels, Northern California Children’s Therapy Center, Mutual Housing California, 4th and Hope, Winters Farm to School, Yolo Hospice, West Sacramento Friends of the Library, and many others. Yolo County has donated \$500,000 from their CARES Act funding to the Relief Fund.

“Need in Yolo County remains extremely high, and these organizations, which are deeply immersed in their communities, are well-positioned to serve some of our highest-need households,” said Executive Director for the Yolo Community Foundation Jessica Hubbard. “We are tremendously grateful to Yolo County for the donation that funded these grants and enabled the Relief Fund to serve more Yolo residents.”

The Relief Fund is a partnership between Yolo County, the cities of Woodland, Winters, West Sacramento, and Davis, and the Yolo Community Foundation. CARES Act funding must be spent by December 30, 2020 and to help ensure that grantees meet this deadline, are eligible for the governmental reporting requirements, and provide services in previously identified high-need cause areas, the Relief Fund allocated remaining funds to organizations that previously applied and have been scored through the Steering Committee and Leadership Advisory process. For more information about the Relief Fund, visit: <https://www.yolocf.org/grants/yolo-covid-19-nonprofit-relief-fund/>.

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