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OCF COVID-19 Press Release

Heroes Among Us

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Who is your local COVID-19 Hero? Name your hero and we'll help you recognize them!

Oxford Community Foundation (OCF) is helping Oxford county residents thank and remember our COVID-19 pandemic "Heroes Among Us".

"These are trying times for everyone," explains OCF Executive Director Louise Wardrop. "As we continue to grant to organizations helping to get through this crisis and make our community better, we're hearing about the amazing people keeping us safe and fed and inspiring hope. People who work in healthcare, in our nursing homes, for our food banks, on our helplines, in our shelters, in our grocery stores, on our farms, delivering our necessities, children who are drawing inspirational messages on our driveways and yes, everyone staying home maintaining their physical distance... all of these people are true heroes."

Who is your hero? Name your hero and we'll help you recognize them!

This recognition won't be for just today. With any donation to the "Heroes Among Us Fund" at Oxford Community Foundation, your hero will receive a Heroes certificate letting them know you're thinking of them and that you consider them a hero. Your hero's story will be shared on our social media, on our website and at our annual meeting. And best of all, grants in recognition of these unsung heroes will be made from the Fund in support of our community's most urgent needs today and for years to come.

To lift the spirits of someone feeling socially isolated or to recognize a hero, please go to our website www.oxfordcommunityfoundation.org

Oxford Community Foundation keeps all donations in Oxford County. We have granted more than \$630,000 to over 100 local organizations and we're continuing to grant. Currently, we have up to \$40,000 for food security programs available through the Maple Leaf Community Fund, \$6,000 available in bursaries and there are more grants coming. Please see our website for more information.

Each year grants from endowed funds support the entire community including social services, education, arts and culture, the environment, heritage and recreation. We help people leave personalized, lasting legacies. The power of endowment means that we can continue to support Oxford County's ever evolving needs including in times of crisis. That's the value of a community foundation. We are here for the long haul.

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