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Lakewood Foundation

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**Healthy Lakewood Foundation Announces Third Cycle of Grants to Address
COVID-19 Community Needs at Annual Community Meeting**

The Healthy Lakewood Foundation (HLF) held its second annual community meeting virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, September 17, 2020, at which time it announced its third cycle of grants aimed at addressing community needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Lakewood Community Services Center: \$35,000 for food distribution to Lakewood residents
- Lakewood City Schools: \$32,000 to Lakewood City Schools for digital connectivity for families with school-age children
- LakewoodAlive: \$10,000 for housing outreach for seniors and low-moderate income residents

“We are grateful to everyone who was able to join us for our annual meeting,” says HLF Board President Jeanine Gergel. “We were of course glad to be able to announce our new grants, but, more importantly, the meeting provided a forum for residents to share their thoughts about what is needed to build a healthy Lakewood. The HLF board of directors is committed to continuously learning from our neighbors about the community’s needs and how we can help meet them.”

HLF will continue to assess community needs related to the pandemic through proactive outreach and dialog with leaders and service providers to identify future grantmaking opportunities. A fourth round of grants will be awarded later in 2020.

About the Healthy Lakewood Foundation: The Healthy Lakewood Foundation (HLF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community foundation. HLF was created to ensure remaining assets from the conversion of the Lakewood Hospital will continue to benefit the health and wellness of residents in the City of Lakewood. HLF was established in September 2018 as part of the master agreement following the closing of Lakewood Hospital. HLF was formed from the Foundation Planning Task Force and through their recommendation to the City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Hospital Association.

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