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Dear Woodridge Rotary Club,

We at Hope's Front Door wish to express our sincere gratitude for the support received from the Woodridge Rotary Club. The \$1,579 grant received from the Woodridge Rotary Club, allowed Hope's Front Door to assist our neighbors with some of their most pressing needs during early months of the pandemic.

The funds were used to purchase grocery vouchers for area families. During the months of June and July, we saw an increase in the number of parents and children needing help. As a result, we increased the amount food assistance given to address food insecurity with the help of the Woodridge Rotary Club. With the grant received, Hope's Front Door made a purchase of grocery vouchers from Aldi's and Jewels in June totaling \$7,355. The \$1,579 received from the Woodridge Rotary Club resulted in 47 households assisted, representing 66 adults/parents and 38 children. Families had access to over 464 low cost meals in DuPage County during the months of June and July.

Hope's Front Door has been concentrating on the provision of basic essentials for families having difficulties due to lack of resources as a result of COVID-19. Hope's Front Door provided modified services to ensure the safety of clients/community members and staff, adhering to social distancing guidelines. We have moved from face-to-face in-take to over the phone in-take with distribution taking place curbside. Our modified services also took into account the most pressing issues facing our traditional population of clients (unemployed, underemployed, those experiencing homelessness, senior citizens, and disabled), while preparing for an increase in demand from those who had never used our services and were made newly financially insecure because of the pandemic. Modified services include: food & gas cards, bus & train passes, prescriptions & medical supplies, prepackaged toiletry items, feminine hygiene products & diapers, oral healthcare and vision healthcare (eye exams/glasses). These were the safety net services that could help area families address hygiene, hunger, health concerns and engage in job searches to maintain stable households and maintain some semblance of normalcy during uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Janell Robinson
Executive Director