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Cuero Community Foundation Launches Matching Fund to Support DeWitt Co. Food Banks

Cuero, TX—The Covid-19 epidemic has created a crisis for many in DeWitt and the neighboring counties. To help local folks through these difficult times, the Cuero Community Foundation (CCF) is supporting CAMAL (Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance) House of Cuero, Yorktown Assistance Ministries (YAM) and Yoakum's First Baptist Food Pantry by creating a matching fund to ensure families are able to put food on their tables. Cuero Community Foundation is a 501©3 charitable organization, incorporated in Cuero, Texas.

"These ministries have long served their local communities and urgently need immediate help to continue their work when it is needed most . . . now. The CCF Board of Directors has agreed that CCF will fully match public donations to these food centers up to \$100,000 in total," said Bill Blackwell, CCF Board President.

"Given the serious impact that COVID-19 is having on our community and the many families that are struggling to put food on the table, all concerned DeWitt County citizens will surely want to help ease the burden and the worry of those struggling to make ends meet," Paul W. Holcomb, Sr., CCF Board Member.

"Donations may be mailed or brought to the Cuero National Bank drive-through, located at 1800 N. Esplanade, said David Kleinecke, CCF Board Treasurer. Those wishing to donate are asked to make checks to Cuero Community Foundation. Please use the memo field to note your preferred food pantry for the allocation of your donation. Those wishing to mail in contributions are to mail to : Cuero Community Foundation, c/o David Kleinecke, Cuero National Bank, P.O. Box 889, Cuero, TX 77954. In order to acknowledge donations and send a tax deductible receipt, donors are asked to include a return mailing address.

"We invite you to join us in helping our neighbors and look forward to matching donations, thus maximizing the benefits. We hope this initiative will also inspire others to be good stewards of their blessings and support the community in practical ways," said Debra Baros, CCF Board Vice President.

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"Thank you in advance for helping make certain our neighbors are able to feed their families, so no one goes hungry in these difficult times, and we can all pull together to help the residents of DeWitt County survive, recover and thrive," said Avi Ghosh CCF Board Member.

Learn more about the grant and CCF by visiting <u>www.cuerocommunityfoundation.com</u> or email <u>info@cuerocommunityfoundation.com</u>

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The Cuero Community Foundation (CCF) matches philanthropic action with causes in need to strengthen our local and surrounding communities now and for future generations. CCF works with other foundations, agencies and organizations to continually assess current and future needs to learn how best to address and solve these issues with financial aid while striving to achieve the greatest impact possible. CCF is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, incorporated in Cuero, Texas. Members of the CCF board are W. A. "Bill" Blackwell, Debra Baros, David S. Kleinecke, Paul W. Holcomb, Sr. and Avi Ghosh.