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**The City of South Euclid Launches Phase II of the
"United Together COVID-19 Food Security Response Fund"**

In this time of crisis for many residents, the City of South Euclid, aims to provide resources and financial assistance to residents and families impacted by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The ***South Euclid United Together COVID-19 Food Security Response Fund*** was created in May 2020 to help address the financial hardship residents are experiencing due to the COVID-19 crisis. The fund will provide assistance in the form of gift cards from participating grocery stores to purchase basic needs such as food, toilet paper, baby formula, diapers, over-the-counter medication, etc. Non-essential items such as cigarettes/nicotine products, alcohol, or gift cards may not be purchased with the voucher cards. Gift cards of \$50 and \$100 increments (depending on family size) will be distributed to qualifying applicants and funds will be distributed to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

The program is the vision of South Euclid Mayor Georgine Welo who has seen many residents struggling to pay their bills during the economic downturn. "We are committed to helping as many low-income families as we can with some relief at this time in the form of a gift card," said Mayor Welo. "When there is a lack of, or limited income, it can be very difficult to decide what you will have to give up, so stepping up to help during this extraordinary time is the right thing to do."

Phase II of the grant program is funded by the City with the assistance of Federal CARES Act funds. Applications will be available and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning February 9, 2021 on the City's homepage at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com. Deadline for submission is February 26, 2021 at 4 pm.

During times of uncertainty our community has always come together to support one another" said Mayor Welo. "I'm grateful to all members of City Council, our One South Euclid Community Development Corporation and the MyCom youth network for their outstanding leadership and support during these challenging times."

South Euclid United Together Fund Monthly Eligibility Guidelines		
Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Voucher Amount
1	\$ 2,127.00	\$ 50.00
2	\$ 2,873.00	\$ 50.00
3	\$ 3,620.00	\$ 50.00
4	\$ 4,367.00	\$ 100.00
5	\$ 5,113.00	\$ 100.00
6	\$ 5,860.00	\$ 100.00
7	\$ 6,607.00	\$ 100.00
8	\$ 7,353.00	\$ 100.00
* Add \$373 for each person over 8		
* Based on 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines at 200%		