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"Kiwanis Club of Gainesville Gives Over $20,000 to Community COVID-19 Relief Efforts"

The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville has given $20,400 towards local COVID-19 relief efforts. The Northeast Georgia Health System Foundation, The North Georgia Community Foundation and The United Way of Hall County all received equal distributions of this generous gift. Each of these organizations have established their own COVID-19 Relief funds that serve specific areas and needs throughout the Gainesville-Hall County community. Beneficiaries of their funds range anywhere from first responders and front-line workers to nonprofits, families, and individuals, all who are feeling the direct impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Although our Kiwanis Club has not been able meet in person for several weeks, we were still able to unify around this important issue impacting our community," said Jeff Boggan, current President of the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville. "Kiwanis' number one priority is to serve children and we know that through the efforts of each of these organizations, children's lives are being touched and their critical needs are being met."

The funds were raised through the Kiwanis Service Fund, generous contributions from club members, and a matching grant from the Gainesville Kiwanis Hope Foundation. "The Hope Foundation is focused on assisting the Kiwanis Club with its mission of 'changing the world one child and one community at a time.'" said Jay Jacobs, Chair of the Kiwanis Hope Foundation, "By supporting opportunities like this and coming alongside people in our community during this time of uncertainty and distress - this is how we will change the community for the better and ultimately change the world."

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The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, Georgia was established in 1925 with John W. Jacobs, Sr. serving as the first club President. The mission of the Kiwanis Club is to serve the children and families in the Gainesville-Hall County Community. Over 100 business and community leaders form the membership for Kiwanis and carryout the club's mission through several service projects that directly impact the lives of children through education, leadership, and community service opportunities.