



## Community Foundation of Southern Indiana's relief fund will help struggling nonprofits

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— In tough economic times, more are turning to nonprofit aid providers for assistance. But who is helping the nonprofits?

The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County and the Paul Ogle Foundation have partnered to form a relief fund for struggling nonprofit organizations with immediate needs, representatives of the three foundations announced at a press conference Tuesday. The 2009 Community Relief Fund — totaling \$400,000 — will give up to \$20,000 in assistance to individual nonprofits in the health- and human-services sectors.

“We will award funds to those organizations that can help put the money to immediate use to help the public,” said

Rita Hudson Shourds, chair of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana board of directors. “We will be expediting these requests because the needs are right now, and they are very urgent.”

Applications can be downloaded at the Community Foundation’s Web site, [www.cfsouthernindiana.com](http://www.cfsouthernindiana.com), under “grants,” or at the Horseshoe Foundation’s Web site, [www.horseshoefoundation.org](http://www.horseshoefoundation.org).

Applications also are available at the Community Foundation’s office along Charlestown Road in New Albany. Applicants will be notified of their application status within 15 days of receipt of the application, and fund monies are expected to be used within 90 days of receipt of the application unless the organization has received prior approval of the Community Foundation, according to the fund’s application form.

“For some, the very basics right now are out of reach,” said Mark Seabrook, chair of Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County and a Floyd County commissioner. “There are people among us who can’t put food on the table at their home, or don’t have adequate health care or clothing for their kids. What we hope to do with this fund is to help the nonprofits that are on the frontlines of our community so they can better serve the people.”

Contributions from the Paul Ogle and Horseshoe foundations were used to create the fund. The Community Foundation will act as the administrator of the funds.

“There are great needs right here among us,” said Kent Lanum, executive director of the Paul Ogle Foundation. “As a foundation, we’re happy to be able to help in a time like this when these funds can make a huge difference in the lives of people in our community.”

Individuals who need direct assistance are encouraged to call 211, the Metro United Way social-services information line. Callers can learn about organizations that provide assistance to the needy, including food pantries.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to donate to the Community Relief Fund. Donations are accepted on the Community Foundation’s Web site or by mail.