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It was heartwarming to read the story about Rob and Deb Mudge and their generosity to Church Response and the Care and Share Food Drive. I was not at all surprised to see this. At the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, we have the pleasure of working with the Mudges and many other generous donors. Their philanthropy is inspiring. We could not be more grateful for our supportive donors and their trust in us as a grant maker.

During this pandemic, we have been busier than ever. So far this year, we have channeled and granted more than \$700,000 to nonprofit organizations throughout the Black Hills. Individual donors, foundations, and our giving circles have mobilized to direct charitable resources where they are needed.

Our Disaster Relief and Food Security funds have been very active with dollars coming in and going back out to help the nonprofit sector do their work. The vast majority of these funds have gone to organizations addressing hunger and housing, the two focus areas of our collective impact initiatives. The networks and partnerships that were developed through these initiatives are a huge benefit during this crisis.

We have also directed funds to help organizations needing additional technology and other tools to expand capacity or adjust to a new way of doing business. Necessity is the mother of invention, and we have worked with many organizations who have had to adjust their working models.

This pandemic work has strengthened communications within the nonprofit sector, inspiring new partnerships and collaborative efforts. These efforts to work together, expand capacities, and maximize resources will benefit our communities for years to come.

It is inspiring to work with people who are helping people, our donors, and Black Hills nonprofits. We are so very thankful.

Liz Hamburg is the CEO of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation

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