



MEDIA NOTIFICATION

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AMGEN TO DONATE \$500,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

WHAT: Amgen and the Amgen Foundation announced on March 23, 2020 an initial commitment of up to \$12.5 million to support U.S. and global relief efforts to address critical needs in communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to support emergency response efforts in Amgen's U.S. and international communities, patient-focused organizations that are mounting their own response efforts, and international relief efforts by Direct Relief and International Medical Corps.

The Amgen Foundation will also match donations made by Amgen staff around the globe who wish to contribute their own funds to the relief efforts.

"Amgen is committed to supporting the State of Rhode Island in any way that we can during this unprecedented time." Thomas Seewoester, Site Vice President said. "We are using our expertise, capabilities and financial support to help the Governor's efforts and to help Rhode Islanders get through this very difficult time."

From this commitment, \$500,000 will be going to the Rhode Island Covid-19 Response Fund which is being jointly managed by the Rhode Island Foundation and the United Way. The COVID-19 Response Fund grants will be awarded to support nonprofit organizations providing direct assistance to Rhode Islanders with financial need or demonstrable hardship resulting from COVID-19 and not otherwise covered by other resources. This may include organizations that supply basic needs to Rhode Islanders, including but not limited to, food, relief from rent and other household expenses, and access to healthcare.

From Neil D. Steinberg, President and CEO, Rhode Island Foundation:

"This is the time to coordinate resources and response, and we are very grateful for this generous contribution from Amgen," said Neil D. Steinberg, president and CEO of the Rhode Island Foundation. "We are experiencing an unpredictable, rapidly changing public health emergency - one that is having immediate impact on the community we care so deeply about, and that will likely have lasting, consequential effects. In the midst of that it is humbling to see the community come together to support our most vulnerable. We hope that this transformative gift will inspire others."

From Cortney Nicolato, President and CEO, United Way of Rhode Island

"In the toughest of times, it is heartening to see the helpers in our community step up and support our neighbors," shared Cortney Nicolato, President and



CEO, UWRI. "I am so very grateful to Amgen for their leadership with this gift to the Covid-19 Response Fund. The current health crisis has put a tremendous strain on direct-service nonprofits, people in our community are struggling to meet their most basic needs. This generous donation will be put to work quickly to provide relief where it is needed most."

About the Amgen Foundation

The Amgen Foundation seeks to advance excellence in science education to inspire the next generation of innovators and invest in strengthening communities where Amgen staff members live and work. To date, the Foundation has donated over \$325 million to local, regional, and international non-profit organizations that impact society in inspiring and innovative ways. The Amgen Foundation brings the excitement of discovery to the scientists of tomorrow through several signature programs, including Amgen Scholars and the Amgen Biotech Experience. For more information, visit [AmgenInspires.com](https://www.amgen.com/inspires) and follow us on Twitter [@AmgenFoundation](https://twitter.com/AmgenFoundation).

About Amgen

Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its biologics manufacturing expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people's lives. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen has grown to be the world's largest independent biotechnology company, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

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