



them. Myself and my board felt so excited and blessed that we started calling all of our patients to let them know that we could help them with their essential needs. We are still continuing to call our most vulnerable patients as funds are running out. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this opportunity.”

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“As the Leader and CEO of **One Breath Foundation**, this opportunity to serve my community was a wonderful one. I'm so honored that I was approved and received the opportunity to serve. One of my patients left me a wonderful thank you message after receiving groceries, she's a pre transplant patient with a lung disease. She doesn't leave her home due to Covid-19 because she's high risk and is an elder. Another patient we have been assisting is a post double lung transplant recipient who is going through rejection and having other health issues, we have paid his water bill for 2 months and we also assisted them with some essential needs like bottled water, paper towels, masks, hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes. They're so grateful and it just makes us feel so good to give.

These kinds of grants give our patients a sign of relief and reduces stress of maybe paying their next bill or purchasing groceries for their next meal. Especially, that this pandemic is still going on and we still need resources and we are helping more patients now than before.”

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“The generosity of the **CHEST Foundation and Feldman Family Foundation** has allowed us to purchase food and additional cleaning supplies. With our residents quarantining and unable to work, the need for food has skyrocketed!”

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“As the pandemic started impacting Illinois, a lot of our regular donors of groceries began closing their doors. That was a stressful time for all of us – we absolutely respected the well-being and concerns of our donors, but the need for groceries didn't stop. With our clients unable to work and in the homes 24/7, the need for groceries actually increased. Thanks to this grant, we've been able to fill the gap between what we can provide and what is needed. This grant filled the pantries in 22 of our Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes, feeding 140 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

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“Our clients are extremely vulnerable to illnesses like COVID-19, so we have gone through a lot of cleaning supplies since the pandemic began. With 22

homes and a pandemic, the cost of cleaning supplies adds up quickly. Knowing that there are groups like the **CHEST Foundation and Feldman Family Foundation** who will stand shoulder to shoulder with us against this pandemic to protect individuals with disabilities has been very reassuring and comforting.”

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“Receiving this grant for COVID-19 support was a real boost to all of our spirits. Our staff has been working tirelessly to care for our residents 24/7, and there have been some trying and exhausting moments. When we receive a community-based grant, it reminds us that there are still people in our community cheering us on, and it’s an acknowledgment that our clients matter just as much to the community as they do to us, personally.”

