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Major Crisis Relief Fund mobilizes and other Barnstable Town Notes

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A relatively new but well-established charity called the Major Crisis Relief Fund (MCRF), whose mission is to provide funding in the wake of a disaster, is stepping forward to provide financial aid to Cape and Islands residents.

“It is imperative that we address the needs of those most vulnerable on the Cape and the Islands, including our elderly neighbors,” said Peter Meyer, president of the Board, Cape Cod Times Needy Fund and president/publisher of the Cape Cod Times. “Many people are anxious and don’t know how to seek relief during this crisis. The Major Crisis Relief Fund is the best-positioned local resource set up to help provide financial relief during this unprecedented public health emergency.”

According to MCRF Managing Director Judy Walden Scarafile, the fund prepares for and responds to weather-related and man-made disasters. “We have fortunately dodged the impact of devastating hurricanes and blizzards the last several years, but the mission of MCRF includes response to public health crises, which is why we are mobilizing in earnest right now.”

In 2016, with original funding provided by the Davenport Family, MCRF was formed as an arm of the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, as a local disaster relief organization to provide funding to meet basic immediate and ongoing needs that are unmet by traditional forms of public and private disaster aid.

To date, MCRF’s major donors include the Davenport Family, Cape Cod Healthcare, Kelley Foundation, Seaside LeMans, Shepley Wood Products, Cape Cod Five Cents Saving Bank, and Barnstable County Mutual Insurance.

To learn more about donating to support this effort, visit www.majorcrisisrelieffund.org/donate/, or call 508-778-7107, or email mcrf@needyfund.org.

For information regarding assistance, criteria for funding, and volunteering, see website updates on www.majorcrisisrelieffund.org.