



Family separated during virus testing gets help with transportation

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The generosity of the Cape Cod community continues to help those in need during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The Cape Cod and Islands Major Crisis Relief Fund, launched in 2016 as a “fund within a fund” of the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, was mobilized for the first time to provide local humanitarian aid as the region confronts the coronavirus pandemic.

Waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, a 42-year-old mother has been unable to work at the clinic where she is employed; her husband, a cook, was laid off from his restaurant. Their toddler is immunosuppressed, prompting the mother to separate herself from her husband and child for their protection in case she received a COVID-19 positive test result.

The couple expects to exhaust their limited savings quickly because of their newfound circumstances. The Major Crisis Relief Fund assisted with their car insurance so the father could buy necessities and the mother will be able to drive once cleared to return to work.

The relief fund was established to assist neighbors on Cape Cod and the Islands in the wake of natural and man-made disasters, including hurricanes, blizzards, terrorism and global virus outbreaks.

Aid may be in the form of financial aid for food, housing, transportation, medical and mental health services, child care and other services to those greatest in need.

To donate to the Major Crisis Relief Fund, go to majorcrisisrelieffund.org/donate.

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