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## **AMGEN FOUNDATION COMMITS \$2M TO VENTURA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTIES COVID-19 RESPONSE**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., April 28, 2020 – Some of the most vulnerable populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in Ventura and Los Angeles counties will receive support from frontline organizations with aid from the Amgen Foundation. The Foundation announced today a commitment of \$2 million to more than a dozen local organizations including food banks, free clinics, education, care for the elderly and other essential services. This commitment is part of a recently announced \$12.5 million pledge by Amgen Corporation and the Amgen Foundation to support COVID-19 pandemic related relief efforts to address critical needs in its local communities.

“In wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever for the business community to work arm in arm with our local partners who are providing mission critical services and support to individuals who have been devastatingly impacted in our neighboring communities,” said Judy Brown, Senior Vice President of Amgen Corporate Affairs and Thousand Oaks site head. “I’m proud the Amgen Foundation is able to support those organizations at the center of these relief efforts.”

From this \$2 million commitment, Amgen Foundation will provide \$100,000 in disaster relief funds to Senior Concerns, a non-profit organization that serves 13,000 senior residents a year with programs such as Meals on Wheels, adult day care and pharmacy pick-up services in Ventura County and portions of Los Angeles County. Andrea Gallagher, President of Senior Concerns, said that senior citizens are the most vulnerable population and are being hit the hardest by the crisis.

Gallagher added that due to the current climate, the organization had been forced to place programs that generated core revenue on hold --- the adult daycare program, fund-raisers and the thrift store. As a result, the grant will help supplement the funds lost from those programs and support a food service to homebound seniors. “When I first learned of the donation, I cried,” said Gallagher. “Amgen Foundation’s support is significant to us. The funds will allow us to continue to be available to those in the community,” she added.

Other local organizations awarded disaster relief grants include:

Ventura County Rapid Response Fund, Caregivers Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, Westminster Free Clinic, Conejo Free Clinic and Simi Valley Free Clinic, FOOD Share, Interface 2-1-1, United Way of Ventura County, Ventura County Community Foundation, Channel Islands YMCA, LA Mayor’s Fund, LA County Office of Education/Greater LA Education Foundation, LA Promise Fund, St. Vincent Meals on Wheels, St. Barnabas Senior Services, Childcare Alliance of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Regional Foodbank.



The \$12.5 million commitment aims 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.

### **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](http://AmgenInspires.com) and follow us on Twitter [@AmgenFoundation](https://twitter.com/AmgenFoundation).

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