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Operation Threshold Receives \$10,000 Grant from Bayer Fund

Grundy Center, IA: Operation Threshold announced today it received a grant for \$10,000 from Bayer Fund, which will be used to purchase food to help stock the Grundy County Food Pantry. The food will be distributed to low-income Grundy County households in need of food to supplement their monthly food budget or those in need of emergency food assistance.

"We are so pleased to receive this grant from the Bayer Foundation", stated Barbara Grant, Operation Threshold Executive Director. "Their generosity will help ensure low-income individuals and families in Grundy County have enough food".

This grant will not only provide support to our organization, but also the community we serve by allowing us to help individuals and families meet their basic food needs. This will be especially important during the current COVID-19 pandemic, which may have financially impact families for many months to come.

"Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States," said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. "We're proud to be able to provide support to develop programs that help combat challenges such as food insecurity, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and support services to patients and families managing an illness or disease."

In 2019, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$14 million to over 3,200 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$79 million.

To learn more about Operation Threshold visit <u>https://www.operationthreshold.org</u>.

To learn more about Bayer Fund visit <u>https://www.fund.bayer.us</u>.

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About Operation Threshold

Operation Threshold provides a number of services to residents of Grundy County. Services provided out of the Grundy Center office include Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Crisis Assistance, Weatherization, WIC, and Early Learning & Family Services programming. All services are focused on providing families with opportunities to address a current crisis and/or develop skills to attain self-sufficiency.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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