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KLEE FOUNDATION AND MIRABITO PARTNER ON TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. - The Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation and Mirabito Convenience Stores are excited to announce a new, limited-time funding opportunity for Broome County-based health and human service organizations. The Transportation Assistance Micro-Grant Program will provide targeted and timely fiscal relief to eligible nonprofit organizations whose budgets have been significantly impacted by increased fuel costs.

“With gas prices climbing to record highs this year, the Klee Foundation saw an opportunity to support organizations struggling to recover from pandemic-related disruptions while also striving to meet increased needs within our community,” said Prakash Ramanathan, Board Chair, Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation.

“Health and human service providers can travel many miles in the course of mission delivery” said Amanda McIntyre, Executive Director, Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation. “We love our Broome County community, and we are proud to work with Mirabito to help fill the tanks of frontline providers so more resources can be directed to things like public health outreach, meal delivery programs and medical transportation.”

Applications are now being accepted for the Transportation Assistance Micro-Grant Program. Through this unique partnership, the Klee Foundation will award grants of up to \$2,500 based on program impact and financial need. For every grant issued, Mirabito has pledged an additional 10 percent in gasoline gift cards,

further extending the fuel assistance available to local service organizations. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization operating a health and/or human service-focused program where transportation is fundamental to service delivery within Broome County.

The application deadline is Wednesday, June 15, 2022. The link to the online grant application and guidelines are available on the Klee Foundation web site at www.kleefoundation.org.

About the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation: The Klee Foundation was founded in 1957 to support health and economic vitality in Broome County. In 2021, the foundation issued \$1,042,712 in grant funding to 30 organizations throughout Broome County and the town of Guilford, NY. Funds are awarded through a competitive application process and provide project, program, capacity building and general operating support to nonprofit partners working to advance health and drive economic opportunities within Broome County. Additional information about the Foundation can be found at www.kleefoundation.org.

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