FRESNO, CA - Today, Chevron announced its commitment of $100,000 to support Community Medical Centers and the Central California Food Bank through the Central Valley Community Foundation's (CVCF) COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented and evolving crisis that necessitates a community-wide response.” said Megan Lopez, Public Affairs Representative at Chevron. “Chevron is proud to partner with the Central Valley Community Foundation to support organizations that are working tirelessly to ensure that families in need have access to food supplies, and that our healthcare workers on the front lines have the appropriate protection and equipment needed to help them save lives.”

The donation, which will be evenly distributed between both organizations, will provide resources and support to frontline medical workers, as well food for the rapidly increasing number of families struggling to put meals on the table due to economic burdens from the coronavirus pandemic.

“In my ten years at Central California Food Bank, we have never experienced such a sudden and severe increase in the number of people needing food assistance,” said Andy Souza, President and CEO of Central California Food Bank. “We have run out of food at some distribution sites, and 30% of the people we served the last two weeks of March have never used our services. This $50,000 donation from Chevron will make a significant impact in the lives of thousands of people suffering from this economic crisis.”

At Community Medical Centers, frontline medical staff have been working long hours and extra shifts to ensure patient care and safety. That effort, coupled with the donation from Chevron, has inspired matching gifts from local donors.

“I can’t thank Chevron enough for its most generous donation, which comes at such a critical time to help our caregivers and patients. What makes it even more special is that Chevron’s gift is a catalyst that sparks two other amazing donors’ matching gifts so Community will receive $200,000 because of Chevron’s donation,” said Katie Zenovich, Senior Vice President of Community Medical Centers and CEO of the Community Medical Foundation. “This outpouring of support from businesses like Chevron and individuals from across the Valley means so much during this unprecedented time. On behalf of everyone at Community, thank you so very much for helping us bring life-saving care to all who come through our doors.”

CVCF is continuing to accept donations to address growing and constantly changing challenges related to COVID-19. Donations can be made by visiting www.centralvalleycf.org/donate. 100% of individual contributions will be mobilized to support our community’s most vulnerable people.

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"We’re grateful Chevron has joined the community of local donors who have committed over $700,000 to CVCF’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to help local communities battle the impact of the coronavirus," said Hannah Johnson McAbee, Director of Local Philanthropy at CVCF. “This pandemic has exacerbated the many challenges this region already faces, which is why we have been helping connect the needs of our communities with resources and partners who are ready to help.”

Founded in 1966, the Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) is a trusted community partner in California’s Central Valley. Our mission is to cultivate smart philanthropy, lead, and invest in solutions that build stronger communities. Our service area includes 2 million people living in six counties: Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kings. CVCF attracts investment and deploys resources to solve persistent economic, environmental, and social challenges in four key areas: education, economic development, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood renewal.

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