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Dear donor,

I want to start by saying I hope you and your family are safe and healthy during this very strange and unprecedented time in which we find ourselves. I'm writing to share with you how MCCC is continuing to shape our community through the lives of our students, thanks in part to your past generosity.

Since the beginning of this crisis we have fielded hundreds of student requests for assistance. What quickly became apparent is that our students' needs are great and varied. In response, we established the **Emergency Relief Fund**.

- **Giving students the immediate help they need.** This fund assists with tuition and, more importantly, other critical needs. A student who is hungry or lacks required technology cannot succeed. We are committed to removing these barriers. Through this work we are stabilizing family budgets and enabling our students to complete their coursework.
- **Double your gift.** Our board of directors and MCCC employees have given personally to create a challenge fund that will match dollar-fordollar your gifts up to **\$20,000**! Your gift today will have twice the impact while this challenge is available. Help us answer the call.
- **Supporting healthcare.** Some of the hardest hit by the transition to online courses are nursing and respiratory therapy students. We have awarded thousands in emergency aid to our next-generation healthcare workers to help them join the frontlines in the fight against COVID-19.
- Hear from our students. During this crisis we are sharing the impact of your support from the perspective of our students. Join us in celebrating our students' inspirational persistence in the face of adversity. Visit www.monroeccc.edu/stories to read our latest student success stories.

As we continue to cope with the effects of social distancing, we should draw strength and comfort from the fact that we are all in this together. I recognize that not everyone can give right now. The safety and financial wellbeing of your family is, above all else, most important in this turbulent time. But if your current situation allows, we need your continued support now more than ever.

I wish the very best for you and your family. Please stay safe.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua W. Myers, Ed.D. Executive Director

# ELIMINATING BARRIERS

## MCCC Emergency Relief Fund



Learn how our donors are helping MCCC students persevere and thrive during the COVID-19 crisis.



Julie
Julie is a healthcare
hero working on
the front lines as
a paramedic in
the emergency

room while she studies to become a nurse. The computer she owned was old and unable to support the online testing software she needed to complete her coursework. To keep her on track, MCCC helped Julie purchase a new laptop that will enable her to complete her tests and fulfill her lifelong dream to become a nurse.



#### Maria

Maria is a wife and mother of two. Her son is in college studying chemical engineering, and her daughter is a precocious five-year-old.

When she was laid off from her job as a corrections officer at the Monroe County Youth Center, she took a negative and turned it into a positive and is now close to achieving her goal of a earning a nursing degree. Online simulation courses, now a necessity, presented a technical and financial challenge for Maria and her family that an Emergency Relief Fund scholarship helped them overcome and keep her moving forward.



#### **Amber**

Under normal conditions

Amber juggles being a

mother to a three-year old

son, a full-time job and her

studies as a licensed practical

nursing (LPN) student. Now, in addition to coping with the challenges of transitioning to online coursework, she has been laid off due to COVID-19. Without her income, she is worried about how she will pay the bills that are beginning to pile up. To help Amber complete her studies this semester, MCCC awarded her a modest emergency scholarship to offset the burden of her bills so she can focus on her studies.

#### To learn more about students we have helped, visit us at www.monroeccc.edu/stories.



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