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The Fleet Fund, Inc. is a new non-profit charitable organization created to provide a dedicated source of timely financial assistance to Wellfleet community members in need. People who are in a position to donate and those who need assistance can find information on the Fund's website: www.thefleetfund.org.

The tumultuous events of this year, including the social and economic disruptions brought about by the coronavirus pandemic, have highlighted how economic and racial inequities affect people in our community and have underscored the fragile economic security of many of our neighbors. Even beyond the current stresses caused by this pandemic, there are always those in our community who need assistance when some unexpected event or personal difficulty creates an immediate and serious financial hardship.

Recognizing this ongoing need, a group of Wellfleet community members have formed a non-profit organization that can respond quickly with help in such situations. Modeled on the twenty-year success of Truro's Dexter Keezer Community Fund, The Fleet Fund is a readily available private source of funding to help Wellfleet residents in cases of immediate financial emergencies.

Individuals or families in need of assistance will be referred to The Fleet Fund by local social service, educational, medical, and religious organizations, and financial aid can be provided quickly.

The Fleet Fund has been incorporated as a Massachusetts non-profit charitable organization. Wellfleet's 246 Community Kitchen, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, has generously offered to serve as fiscal agent for the Fund until it receives its own 501(c)(3) status under the federal tax code.

Donations can be made online at: www.thefleetfund.org. Tax deductible contributions can also be made by check to "The 246 Community Kitchen", the Fund's non-profit fiscal agent. Please note "The Fleet Fund" in the memo line of your check and mail it to: The Fleet Fund, P.O. Box 995, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

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