



Buffalo Together

Community Response Fund

A Message from President and CEO David Bauer

On May 14, 2022, the Buffalo community suffered a devastating act of violence when a gunman opened fire at the Tops Friendly Market on Jefferson Avenue on the East Side of the city, killing ten people and wounding three.

As we know, Western New Yorkers are resilient and compassionate, and now we must come together stronger than ever to create much-needed change. Community officials have stated there is an outpouring of request from across the country, and of course across Western New York, about how to help our community move forward.

Thanks to the generosity and foresight of many, two community funds have been established for individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations to support.

I am pleased to announce that the **National Fuel Gas Company Foundation will make a \$100,000 donation** to this effort. The community funds are listed below:

- **Buffalo 5/14 Survivors Fund:** For those looking to directly support the survivors, Tops, in partnership with the National Compassion Fund, has established the Buffalo 5/14 Survivors Fund to provide financial assistance to the survivors of the deceased and those directly affected by this tragedy.
- **Buffalo Together Community Response Fund:** The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, in partnership with United Way of Buffalo & Erie County and dozens of philanthropic partners, has initiated a coordinated philanthropic response to listen and respond to the broader community needs in the coming weeks and months.

This collaborative effort is built upon a collective desire to take action and to work to address immediate needs in our community, long-term community rebuilding, and systemic issues that have marginalized communities of color. While still in the early stages of development, the group will listen to and learn from communities of color to develop specific guiding principles and processes for directing the Buffalo Together Community Response Fund resources. National Fuel looks forward to being an active participant in this broad-based community effort. As Mayor Byron Brown said earlier this week...“We as a community will rise again, stronger than ever before.”