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MOVE ON UP, MISSISSIPPI OPENS FOURTH GRANT CYCLE

*FOUNDATION WILL ACCEPT PROPOSALS
FROM ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS MISSISSIPPI
UNTIL MARCH 5th, 2021*

LAFAYETTE COUNTY - Because of gracious donor support and an ongoing desire to improve access to children's health and wellness initiatives throughout Mississippi, Chef John Currence's foundation Move On Up, Mississippi (MOUMS) is excited to announce the opening of its fourth grant cycle.

In 2020, MOUMS contributed nearly \$40,000 in support of the work of six Mississippi children's health and wellness programs: Doors of Hope Transition Ministries, the Gordon Community and Cultural Center, Oxford Community Market, Oxford Elementary School, the RISE program at Oxford High School, and the University of Mississippi's Growing Healthy Bodies, Minds, & Communities program. Funding decisions were made by MOUMS's eight board members: John T. Edge, Mac Nichols, Kelly English, Afton Thomas, Eleanor Green, Glenn Aquino, Mariana Jurss, and Janae Owens. The MOUMS Board looks forward to championing more statewide youth wellness programs in the coming year.

Any Mississippi nonprofit organization, public school, government entity, or program sponsored by a qualifying organization and working to positively impact the health and wellness of the state's children and youth is eligible to submit a proposal to the

foundation's competitive grant process on or before March 5, 2021. MOUMS is especially interested in applicants whose programs are intentionally inclusive, provide measurable results, and focus on children and families. The foundation continues to work toward extending its support to organizations throughout Mississippi.

Application materials are available through the MOUMS website or emailing the project manager at grants@moveonupms.org. Complete proposals must be received by mail postmarked or email in PDF form on or before March 5, 2021. MOUMS's Board of Trustees will review successfully submitted proposals and announce award winners by May 2021.

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