

## AZ Insider: Ivy Foundation Contributes \$5M to AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund

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A very generous donation - \$5 million, from the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation has been made to the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund.

The major contribution will support the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, gowns and more for doctors, nurses and other medical professionals throughout the state.

"It's very important to me that the medical personnel in this state have the right tools and supplies to fight this battle," says Catherine Ivy, founder and president of the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation and co-founder of the Ivy Brain Tumor Center at Barrow Neurological Institute.

"While this gift will help, I realize it's still not enough to fully support those on the frontlines," she adds. "I want to encourage other foundations and non-profits who can help to please do so. It is my belief that when you have, you share."

Other individuals and organizations that have announced significant donations to the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund include, Arizona Public Service (APS), Arizona Cardinals wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins and Arizona Cardinals Chairman and President Michael Bidwill.

The fund, established by Governor Ducey as part of the Arizona Together Initiative supports Arizona organizations working to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and provide assistance to families, individuals and businesses.

"We are committed to supporting our medical staff on the front lines of this outbreak by providing them the equipment to do their jobs safely," said Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.

"While we've got more work to do, this incredibly generous donation from the Ivy Foundation will go a long way toward providing our doctors and nurses the protection they need. We thank the Ivy Foundation for its commitment to our citizens and for setting an example that others can follow."

The Ivy Foundation was established in 2005, just four months after Catherine Ivy lost her husband, Ben, to glioblastoma. In 2019, her foundation became the largest private funder of brain cancer research in the world surpassing \$100 million in personal investment.