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Black Diamond Foundation August 2021 Update

In our May update, we were somewhat hopeful as many seniors had been vaccinated for COVID and children above age 12 had just been approved for the vaccine. Unfortunately, three months later, the Delta COVID variant is spreading rapidly in Florida and Citrus County. While 75% of Citrus County seniors are fully vaccinated, only 28% of the Citrus Co. population under 65 are fully vaccinated. In the 7 days ending Aug 13th, Citrus County (population 150,000) had 964 new COVID cases and 96 COVID hospital admissions. As many people under 65 are uninsured or under-insured in Citrus County, a family member being hospitalized for COVID will not only be frightening but may also be financially devastating.

We anticipate the need for help by low income families from our area charities will be very high going forward. Citrus County unemployment crept back up to 7.2% in June. The good news is that many of our area charities have seen a recovery in their volunteer staffing. During the first year of the pandemic, many of the senior volunteers dropped out as they were unvaccinated and high risk. This forced charities to reduce their hours and services. Now, most of these former volunteers have been vaccinated and have returned to the charities. But these charities will definitely need our financial support going forward.

In July, the Foundation provided \$4,100 to assist the Family Resource Center in repairing their food cooler and air conditioning unit.

Looking forward to seeing our snow birds this fall. Be careful and stay safe.

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