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## Black Diamond Foundation December Update

As we begin the holiday season (typically a family focused time), many of us are sequestered at Black Diamond or at home up north planning only small gatherings with a few close friends trying to stay safe during the pandemic. It would be easy to feel sorry for ourselves, but in the larger view staying healthy is our reward. Many in Citrus county are not as lucky as those of us that make up the Black Diamond family. Demand at all of the food banks in the county is high and the charities that provide financial relief are beginning to see increased demand for rent and utilities support as government programs expire.

The Foundation board has made the strategic decision to narrow our focus to feeding programs and those facing eviction for the short term. We hope to return to broader support for the community soon. At our November meeting we donated \$5K to the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance in the form of a challenge grant to be matched by the community. They met their fundraising goal and the donation was made at the Thanksgiving food distribution the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The decision to delay our annual Pro/Am fundraising tournament to April to means that our available funds are lower than usual. The majority of the Foundation's funds come from direct donation from our community members. If you have not donated in the past, now is a great time to

support your foundation during this period of increased need.

Remember, donations from IRA accounts can be made tax free if you are 70 1/2 years old. The Board is also developing a plan to accommodate legacy gifts to build a fund that can be the basis of a recurring source of funds. We hope to have details in several months.

Thank you for your support and stay safe

The Black Diamond Foundation Board of Directors

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