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Black Diamond Foundation February Update

YMCA

In January, the Foundation awarded our local YMCA a \$10,000 grant in support of their first grade reading program. This program identifies first graders in each of the 11 Citrus County elementary schools who are falling behind in reading skills. The program offers 4 hours per week of remedial after school support for these students throughout the school year. Our donation is used to pay certified teachers to provide this support. The program has been in operation long enough to begin to develop data on its success. To date over 70% of the students who have participated have passed the third grade reading exam and have advanced to the fourth grade! It is this type of investment that not only helps individual students but pays long term dividends to the community.

Community Food Bank

Also considered was a request from the Community Food Bank for funding of a refrigerated truck. One of their trucks is beyond repair and must be replaced. These trucks are critical for the food bank to collect surplus food from local grocery stores. Without them, the food bank will not be able to supply fresh produce and meat which will negatively impact the nutrition of needy Citrus County residents. When the Food Bank decides whether they will purchase or lease the truck, we will support them. The Community Food Bank acts as the primary supplier of food to over 30 local food banks and kitchens.

Pro-Am Sponsors

I would like to highlight the business sponsors of our recently completed Pro-Am fundraiser. These local businesses provide goods and services in Citrus County and through their sponsorships are investors in the future of our county. Their support warrants our consideration in return. Please refer to the sponsor list when shopping for goods and services. Click on any sponsor listed below to learn more.

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- **Blackshears II Aluminum**
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- **Suncoast Dermatology**
- **Sunshine State Golf Carts (new)**
- **Rebecca Bays - Insurance Resources and Risk Management**
- **Gastroenterology Associates**
- **Levin Financial Services**
- **Michael Bays State Farm Insurance Agency**
- **Golf Sculptors International (new) [the Quarry bunker team]**
- **Copp Winery and Copp Brewery (new)**
- **Integrity Pest Control**
- **Griffin's Tree Care (new)**
- **G&R Health Mart Pharmacy (new)**
- **Park Avenue of Hair Design**
- **Precision Lawn Care**

The foundation web site will also have a list of our sponsors.

Thank you for your support

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