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Black Diamond Foundation January 2021 Update

2020 is coming to an end.....and none too soon for those of us fortunate enough to live and play at Black Diamond. Outside the gates, Citrus County is still experiencing 6.5% unemployment (50% higher than pre-pandemic levels). Many of the state and federal programs that supported those impacted by the virus have expired or will be reduced going forward. Our Citrus County charities anticipate that food and shelter needs will rise through the next few months. The Foundation stays in regular contact with these charities and is ready to support them as they gear up to help the less fortunate.

At our December meeting the board awarded \$10,000 to the YMCA first grade reading program. This program takes first graders who have been identified as falling behind in reading and gives them after school instruction. With the pandemic disrupting education these children are even more at risk of falling behind. This help gives them a chance to learn and not be left behind in school and in life.

Personal note from Foster Lamm

I am completing year three of my two year term as Foundation Chair and will be passing my role and responsibilities to Roger Obenauf. I will stay engaged as a member of the Board. It has been an absolute delight to lead the board as we have worked to invest Foundation monies to achieve the greatest impact in Citrus County. In my role I have also been able to meet the leadership of our county and really understand Citrus County. I have also

been able to work directly with the Family Resource Center, helping them raise the necessary funds to purchase a new building and relocate. I also serve on an advisory board for the Citrus Campus of the College of Central Florida. Thank you to the Board for putting up with what must have seemed erratic leadership at times and thank you to everyone for their support of the Foundation. It is one of the things that makes Black Diamond special.

Thank you for your support and stay safe

The Black Diamond Foundation Board of Directors

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