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## Black Diamond Foundation March Update

### **Annual Appeal to Members of the Greater Black Diamond Community**

We recently completed a very successful Pro/Am golf tournament that raised over \$40,000 for Foundation activities. This amount represents only about a quarter of the funds needed to operate the Foundation at current levels. The remaining funds need to come from contributions by individual members of the Black Diamond community. Each year in the spring we canvas the community asking for donations to the Foundation. This year our efforts are doubly important as the needs in the county continue to rise despite a strong national economy. Both the number of people living below or near the poverty level and the unemployment level remain stubbornly high in Citrus County. ***Click here to see the organizations that received a BDF grant.*** Contributions made during the month of March are eligible for a 15% match from proceeds of the Valspar Championship PGA tournament held at the Innisbrook resort in the Tampa area. Donation checks should be made out to "The Valspar Championship". If you wish to contribute to the Foundation directly, contributions can be made to "Black Diamond Foundation". All Donations can be dropped off at the Black Diamond Business office or be sent to:

Black Diamond Foundation  
3125 W. Black Diamond Circle  
Lecanto Florida 34461

If you have contributed in the past, thank you! ***Click here to see the BDF Honor Roll of Donors.*** Your continuing contributions will help Black Diamond be a good neighbor to our fellow citizens of Citrus County. If you have not been a contributor, there is no better time to start making a difference in Citrus County.

### **February Meeting: three grants awarded to Citrus County charities**

A grant of \$10,000 was made to the SOS Food Pantry. SOS (Serving Our Savior) is a food pantry sponsored by a number of local congregations serving those living below the poverty level. It is a completely volunteer organization where every dollar donated goes to purchase food and supplies for local residents. Last year they provided food for ~6200 families. There is a real concern that proposed changes in the SNAP program will result in increased pressure on all of the county food banks as the working poor may not be eligible for food stamps in the future.

Take Stock in Children received a \$10,000 grant for scholarships for economically disadvantaged high school students who are selected for the Take Stock mentoring program. Scholarships are purchased through a partnership with Florida prepaid. Each dollar is matched one for one doubling the impact of our grant. This is important because each student accepted into the program must have a paid scholarship waiting for them when they complete high school. Many students have completed the program and graduated from college and technical schools and are productive members of our community.

Finally, the Foundation gave \$15,000 to the Nature Coast Ministries dental clinic. \$5000 was granted to purchase new computers and printers to replace badly outdated equipment used in support of the dental clinic. The

remainder of the grant was to fund continuing operation of the clinic. The dental clinic provides free dental care for residents of Citrus County who live at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. (~40,000 county residents meet this criteria.). In 2019, the clinic had 385 patient visits with 751 procedures being performed. Clinic expenses of ~\$25,000 provides an estimated value to the community of over \$130,000.

Thank you for your support

The Black Diamond Foundation Board of Directors

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