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Black Diamond Foundation November 2022 Update

Florida leads the country in rent inflation. Research by Florida Atlantic University showed Florida's gulf coast home rentals were 15% to 20% higher in June 2022 than a year earlier. [A July article in the Chronicle](#) provided examples of major rent increases in Citrus County. While overall inflation is running 8%, housing and food inflation is running higher and outpacing income increases - including Florida's \$1.00 per hour minimum wage increase. The working poor of Citrus County still need our help.

The Black Diamond Foundation Board met in October and November. Grants were approved for the SOS Food Pantry (\$20,000), Doctors Free Clinic (\$3,000), Take Stock in Children (\$9,200), and Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance (\$5,000). We will be communicating with the Citrus County Education Foundation and Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition to determine the best way to assist with the growing homeless issue in Citrus County.

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