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## Black Diamond Foundation August 2024 Update

We hope you've had a good summer.

### **Veterans**

The Black Diamond Foundation supports a variety of charities in Citrus County. One segment we've supported over the years are the 18,000 veterans living in Citrus County, representing 13.5% of the Citrus County adult population. We've provided grants to the United Way's "Mission United" program and the Bridge 4 Veterans shelter to directly help our veterans in need. We've also helped fund the Free Dental Clinic and Food Bank which assist a number of veterans. Unfortunately, United Way discontinued the Mission United program in Citrus County. But to the rescue came St. Vincent de Paul.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) provides supportive services for veterans and their families. The Veterans Administration funds some of the SVdP activities such as rehousing but does not cover minor expenses such as utility bills, auto repairs, gas cards or furnishings. Black Diamond Foundation is now providing funds to help with these minor expenses not covered by the V.A. One of our very own Black Diamond residents, James Swanson, is now serving as a case manager on the SVdP Veterans Program staff....so we know the money will be used for maximum benefit. James served as a US Army paratrooper and air traffic controller in a Pathfinder Platoon for 8 years. Following retirement as an FAA air traffic controller in 2019, James and

Janaya moved to Black Diamond, where they have been active on the Social and membership committees.

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