

Thursday, April 16, 2020

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## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Dear Friends,

Because of your generosity, and through the \$25,000 Challenge Match donated by The Morgridge Family Foundation, the Community Foundation of South Lake County has completed our first round of Disaster Relief funding in response to COVID-19.

A total of \$27,500 was given out to our first round of grant recipients. The next round of funding will be released in April. In this email, you will find an update from each grant recipient about the impact and use of these funds. We hope you are encouraged by the work our partners are doing.

We are sending our heartfelt and deepest thanks to The Morgridge Family Foundation and every one of you who has already given to bring hope at this time.



Please donate if you can - the need is great, and growing daily. Stay well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katty".

Kathy Smith, Executive Director

P.S. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me directly at (407) 453-3031 or [kathy@cflsc.org](mailto:kathy@cflsc.org). Thank you!

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## **YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK**

### ***Come as you are Ministry***

*"We have seen an increase of clients coming in for all of our services because all other organizations that serve food for the homeless population are closed until further notice...we are trying to keep our doors open daily for individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness and have no other place to go."*

**- Come As You Are Ministry**



*"The affect of COVID-19 has been twofold. It has affected the quantity and quality of free food provided through the program that allows us to pick up food from local grocers, and is limiting the availability of lower cost food."*

*The sharp decrease in monetary donations has left us with a shortfall, leading to potential program cuts and layoffs of essential personnel."*

- Faith Neighborhood Center

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*"COVID-19 has affected agency operations...these grant funds will provide direct client assistance in the form of temporary rental/mortgage, emergency shelter or financial assistance to prevent eviction, foreclosure, homelessness or shut-off, where possible."*

- Community Action Partnership

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*"We have lost most of our volunteers and donations; we have seen an increase in the number of meals needed. We have been able to switch to a drive through/to-go service, but the additional items needed have been expensive. We have had to buy more of our food rather than rely on donations of food...we also need funds to continue to provide and expand our food pantry and other services during the crisis and once the crisis is over."*

- Love Groveland

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*"Keeping our Thrift Stores closed through the month of April and canceling our May event, we anticipate losing \$110,000 of income. [This grant will help with] utilities support for residents and food for emergency bags shared with the [homeless] community. The food and resources needed will only increase as this continues and when the dust settles.*

**- New Beginnings of Central Florida, Inc.**

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*"Revenue in March 2020 is down by more than 70% from January and February 2020. If revenue continues to decline, we will not be able to provide feeding programs for those who are most vulnerable and need it most. Grant funds will be used to pick-up additional food and essential items to aid in additional feeding programs with our current partners in Lake County."*

**- Southeastern Food Bank**

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**United Way  
of Lake & Sumter Counties**

*"All funds will be used for direct service to clients for rent, utility, and food. We are currently receiving 75-90 calls [for assistance] per day, and we are*

*conducting 10-15 phone intakes per day. Our greatest restriction is financial resources to meet the needs of the community. "*

- United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties

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## Word Keepers of Clermont

*"We are the only food bank operating in 4 corners on a consistent basis, but without help we will have to close our facility. [This funding will help] feed families that are in need of emergency food distributions; we will be able to double the amount from once a month to twice a month."*

- Word Keepers of Clermont

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