Dear Friend of the Community Foundation,

It has truly been our honor to serve our community for 25 years, but especially for this past year and throughout all of the challenges that we have seen in our country, our state and our community. Your support over these last months has truly made a difference in the lives of so many in our community and we thank you! The staff and I want to share our virtual video celebration of our 2020 Grants! Not only will you be able to hear about the organizations that were awarded but also from a few of our loyal donors. The grants highlighted in the video were in addition to the over $180,000 that we were able to grant in the areas of food insecurity, rental assistance and aid to the elderly. Partnering with other foundations like the Live Well Foundation and the Morgridge Family Foundation and of course, your donations, allowed us to do so much more! Thank you for sharing the gifts you have with those who are in need during this extraordinary time we find ourselves.

We are excited to be kicking off our Year-End Giving Campaign beginning with "Giving Tuesday" on December 1st. Followed by #12DaysofGiving, highlighting
organizations that reached the final stage for funding in our grant cycle, including some we were unable to fund. We want to let you know of the needs in our community. Follow us on social media and "like" and "share" our posts! Let's help these great organizations with their needs.

TAX ADVANTAGES THROUGH THE CARES ACT

As we move closer to the end of the year, I want to make sure you are aware of some of the tax advantages that have come into play because of the CARES Act. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) had capped the deduction for cash contributions to public charities at 60% of a taxpayer’s adjusted gross income (AGI), but the CARES Act raised that limit to public charities (other than donor-advised funds) to 100% for 2020.

CONSIDER A GIFT OF STOCK

Additionally, you may want to consider gifts of stock. By completing a stock transfer to the Community Foundation, it allows you to bypass capital gains tax (for tax information, always contact your tax professional). If you would like to learn more about the issues facing our community, or have a deeper conversation about how you can make a difference, please contact me.

THANKFUL FOR YOU!

As we enter the holiday season I hope that you will consider a year-end gift to the Community Foundation so that we can continue to address the issues in our community? We are so thankful for each and every one of you, your gifts, and the trust you place with us, in accepting and directing your gifts to our community. As we enter the holiday season, we wish you and your family good health and safety as we continue to navigate through these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

Share Day 2020 brought together over twenty-five organizations from the community to feed our neighbors in need. There were 333 volunteers who provided the manpower for this event. The event
provided 559 families with food (2593 individuals served). This is a 40% increase in families served over the 2019 numbers. The line of cars stretched as far as the eye could see. All of those in line were patient and kindly waited to have the food placed in their cars by the volunteers. The Community Foundation was honored to support this 2nd Annual event.
The Women's Giving Alliance of South Lake celebrated their 2020 grant award on November 18th at Lake Catherine Blueberry Farm. The giving circle awarded Find, Feed & Restore a grant for $27,982 under the direction of Pastor Brian Broadway who works to eradicate homelessness for families with children in South Lake through “Housing First,” “Permanent Housing Solutions” and “Homelessness Avoidance.”

The Women’s Giving Alliance was established in 2014 by a group of concerned women who wanted to make an impact on the lives of women and children in the South Lake area. Members’ annual donations of $1,000 are combined and used to fund an annual grant and to contribute to an endowment designed to ensure their efforts will continue in perpetuity.

Pictured left to right: Becky Elswick, Chair of the WGA Grant Committee, Pastor Brian Broadway & Shannon Herrera,
GOOD NEWS

CFSLC is now Guidestar Platinum! This is the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations, and demonstrates accountability and excellence.

Would you consider a gift to help us grow, thrive and stand ready to address the issues that we will confront in the years to come? In recognition of our 25th
anniversary, please consider a gift of $25, $250, $2500 or $25,000 to support the ongoing work of the Community Foundation of South Lake.

DONATE

A sincere thank you for serving alongside the Community Foundation, connecting people who care with causes that matter and giving your valuable resources. We look forward to working with you in an effort to improve our community both now and forever!

Serving our community through the connecting of resources and intentional philanthropic giving.

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