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Reaching out to the community

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The Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation just wrapped up Grant Cycle 14 by handing out \$345,000 for the Medical and Health Needs of Citrus County. The Foundation presented The Community Food Bank, Citrus County Harvest, Nature Coast Ministries, The United Way, HPH Hospice, Carolines Agape Project, CASA, Citrus County Children's Advocacy Center, and The Key Training Center with their Grant Cycle 14 Checks on July 18, 2024.



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The Foundation has been reaching out to the community in other ways such as having the privilege of being the presenting sponsor for the 2024 PACE Breakfast. PACE has served this community to lower ACES and ensure a new generation of wonderful and powerful women by providing direct service to girls and young women. PACE is a vocal and respected advocate for girls with histories of trauma, mental health needs, family conflict and academic instability/underachievement. PACE advocates for legislation that develops comprehensive systems of care for girls, provides access to comprehensive wraparound services including well-being and mental health, and removes barriers to education and employment for girls. Being able to provide funding of any kind to this cause is an absolute pleasure for the foundation.

The foundation is excited to announce that Dec. 10, 2024, marks 10 years that it has been ensuring that the medical and health needs of the community are being met. Since inception, the foundation has funded approximately \$2 million in local nonprofit projects. The foundation has funded projects for everything from Jessie's Place Community Outreach Project, wherein Jessie's Place sends an advocate into the public school systems to bring abuse awareness to the children of our county, to the Pregnancy and Family Life Centers Mobile Unit Bus that you may have seen driving around to deliver free prenatal services all around Citrus County. The foundation has provided funding to Citrus County Blessings and the Community Food Bank to make sure that the citizens of Citrus County have adequate and nutrient-dense food. Through the Wil-Power Foundation, the foundation has ensured that the underinsured citizen receives adequate physical therapy, and partnering with the Health Department, the foundation has ensured that the citizens' needs are being met to the best of our ability by completing a Community Health Assessment in which the community tells us what they need.

The next meeting for the Foundation's Board of Directors is Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, and CCCCf welcomes all members of the public to attend. The meeting will be held at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461. To see more information about the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, visit www.CCCCf.us.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this information to the Chronicle to spread knowledge of the foundation to the community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me,

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