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Fall 2022

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Grants Awarded September 2022

AdventHealth Waterman Foundation was awarded **\$2,500** for their Nursing Excellence Program. The AdventHealth Waterman Foundation requested this grant funding to help address nursing burnout and turnover in light of the ongoing health crisis by offering a "serenity room" for each nursing unit. These rooms would offer nurses a respite from the pressures of the floor during their shifts and promote self-care and relaxation. There will be nine rooms in total, which will include new lighting and seating.

Educational Foundation of Lake County, Inc. was awarded **\$4,000** for Criminal Justice Career and Technical Education. The grant will help purchase supplies to be used by students enrolled in the Criminal Justice CTE program at Mt.Dora High School. Students currently in the program can earn an Accredited Legal Professional certification which allows them to work as an entry level legal assistant. If they choose to pursue a college degree, they can use this accreditation towards a degree in Criminal Justice Studies.

Eustis Jr. Panthers was awarded **\$5,000** for the Eustis Jr. Panthers Youth Football Program. This youth football program, similar to well-known Pop Warner leagues, serves children from Eustis, Tavares, Mt Dora, Leesburg and Umatilla. The sport provides young children teamwork and leadership skills, a sense of community, and a productive hobby.

Forward Paths Foundation, Inc. was awarded **\$5,000** for their Homes to Independence program. This program will provide numerous resources for Lake County's homeless youth and those who've aged out of foster care. Presently, Forward Paths Foundation is serving 92 young adults as well as their 36 children. This grant will help fund their transitional housing program, rental assistance and provide for young people who may be enrolled in high school but lack permanent housing and/or adult supervision.

Milestones Family Services was awarded **\$5,000** for their Crisis Oriented Counseling Program (COCP). With the funds, Milestones will assist 25 children and their families in need of mental and behavioral health counseling in the Mount Dora Community, helping children who are facing significant mental and behavioral challenges in Mount Dora Middle & High School as well as Triangle Elementary.

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New Vision for Independence was awarded **\$15,060** for establishing their new office in Mount Dora. Due to circumstances beyond their control, New Vision finds themselves suddenly required to relinquish their home space at LSSC, and were fortunate enough to find a street front location in Mount Dora. This move was an unbudgeted expense and the grant funds will help with the cost of rent at the new locations for the first few months.

Round Lake Charter School was awarded **\$1,700** for their Outdoor Classroom and Butterfly Garden. The funding will be used to purchase supplies and develop a story walk program, with sundial, and a weather station and include other artistic details. Raised beds will be planted with help from the local community and be maintained weekly, with the aid of student volunteers from area youth groups.

Take Stock in Children was awarded **\$8,400** for their Preparing High School Students for Success program. The funds will be used to purchase a Florida Prepaid College Scholarship for 2 students at Mount Dora Middle or High School or nearby if not available in Mount Dora. Students apply/reserve in 8th or 9th grade and the 2 year tuition is awarded at time of graduation from a Florida public school.

United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc. was awarded **\$5,000** for their Family Stability Services program, which provides case management and financial assistance for ALICE ("Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed") families to help them pay their rent, mortgage and utility bills during times of an emergency who reside in Mount Dora. These families often struggle to remain financially stable when emergencies arise, such as medical bills, car repairs, or sudden decreases in income.

Youth Philanthropy Initiative

A new program implemented by Mount Dora Community Trust for students has been approved and funded to start in Fall 2022. This year's initiative will be a youth-led program where Juniors and Seniors from MDHS and MDCA will meet monthly to learn about philanthropy, through real-life experience. The students will select service projects and community projects to complete, in addition to selecting organizations for which to award grant dollars.

Our New Funds with MDCT



Dynamic Energy Exchange This fund was established by Dianne Gretzler for the purpose of funding for any charitable organizations or cause; Children and their families in the foster care system, child and adult education-based organizations, animal welfare and animal advocacy organizations, organizations in the field of neuroscience, land preservation or community Garden organizations .

December Chamber Breakfast

We are excited to be sponsoring the Mount Dora Area Chamber's Business at Breakfast at the Chamber's Train Depot facility on Alexander Street, to be held on December 14th, 2022 from 7:00–9:00 a.m.

Come and celebrate this Holiday Season with us as we finish our 50th year in business!

Register for the event at: www.mountdora.com

ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST NOW BE
SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Next grant application deadline:

December 15, 2022

Next Distribution Meeting:

January 19, 2023

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