



GATHER, GROW, GIVE.

for good

Winter 2022

MAKE A DIFFERENCE *forever*

Grants Awarded January 2022

A Forever Home Animal Rescue was awarded **\$4,029** for Grounds and Flooring Improvements. Improvements will be made to the playground area with new top soil and sod. Replacement of damaged vinyl in eight rooms with epoxy paint/sealant and addition of waterproof fireproof siding will also be made in five rooms.

City of Mount Dora was awarded **\$10,000** for Mount Dora Community Events for 2022. The City of Mount Dora each year produces a number of events to attract members of our community. Each event is planned to either recognize and promote culture such as the Scottish Highland Festival, celebrate our Country's Independence with the Freedom on the Waterfront, provide a spring time jazz concert on Mother's Day and produce the Last Call Event in the Summer that incorporates a Back to School Supply giveaway in the morning followed by a community block party in the evening.

Early Learning Coalition of Lake County, Inc. was awarded **\$10,000** for their School Readiness Match Program. The School Readiness Childcare Subsidy Program provides financial assistance to low-income families, providing early childhood education and childcare so families can become financially self-sufficient and their children can be successful in school. The State of Florida provides the opportunity for Early Learning Coalitions to garner \$1 match for every dollar locally raised.

Easter Seals Florida, Inc. was awarded **\$20,000** for their Fence campaign for Camp Challenge. The grant will be used, along with other fundraising dollars to clear the land, purchase and install a security fence. Installing a fence around the property is a critical need. Bears have been killing their farm animals and trespassers vandalizing. The fence will provide security and a better experience for their disabled campers.

Habitat for Humanity of Lake/Sumter, Florida was awarded **\$30,000** for their preservation and repair-Mount Dora. These funds will be used to support 2-3 critical home repair projects for low-income families in Mt. Dora. HFHLS' team will invest in blighted areas to uplift the neighborhood at large while increasing the health and well-being of the families in the homes. The goals of the program are to preserve the affordable housing stock for future generations and increase the health, safety, and accessibility of the homes we work on. As a bonus, The City of Mount Dora will match \$1 for \$1 funds raised for the program.

Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce was awarded **\$60,000** for upgrading of the Historic Train Depot visitor's center to be more functional and attractive for 20+ years. 4 phases of renovations have been completed to date. The final phase includes the repair and rehab of the Visitor Center and 2 offices. These areas are critical to the day-to-day operations and revenue generation of the Chamber. The rehab is also required to fix damaged wood and rodent problems.

Speak the Truth Ministries was awarded **\$10,000** for The Locker Room, a youth mentoring program, to purchase supplies such as computers, headsets, books, and other resources needed in order for the program to function. Funding will help transport youth on College Road trips to tour campuses for future students, purchase trade/business clothing, athletic supplies, and field equipment for training that will be provided as well as for Summer Camps.

The people that
make it possible:

Distribution Committee

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CATHY HOECHST

Thank you, Cathy for
serving on our
Distribution Committee
2020-2021

Our New Funds with MDCT

Epailard Family Endowment Jan, Bertie, Claire and Max Epailard have lived in Mount Dora since 2003. Both Claire and Max attended school here and graduated respectively in 2015 and 2017 from Mount Dora High School. The Epailards believe in promoting the community and the best way they could think to do this was to create this endowment which will grow and help others.

This fund will be destined to explore community needs and will not, in the short term be limited to any one type of charitable need.



East Town Community Foundation The East Town Community Foundation will serve as a vehicle to address disparities and help to improve the physical, economic, and structural conditions that affect quality of life within the community. Through supporting and enhancing initiatives in the East Town community, we will strengthen, equip, educate, and elevate the whole community, while empowering families to become financially self-reliant, and promote their social, physical, and emotional well-being.



Come Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary

Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Mount Dora Yacht Club

351 West Fourth Avenue

Mount Dora, FL 32757

Reception 5:30 pm

Dinner & Program 7:00 pm

Hat and Derby Attire Contest

The Derby will be shown Live at Post Time

To purchase tickets or for sponsorships visit:

MDCTevents.com, call (352) 383-2150 or email

Team@MDCTrust.org

ALL GRANT and SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST NOW BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Next grant application deadline:

April 15, 2022

Next Distribution Meeting:

May 5, 2022

Next scholarship application deadline:

March 22, 2022

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Our New Distribution Committee Members



Crissy Stile, Mayor Mount Dora, FL



Bill Brooks, Rotary Club of Lake County Golden Triangle