

HERON CREEK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL HCCF FOOD DRIVE

The 2021 Annual HCCF Food Drive will be conducted 8-12 February and the HCCF Community Service Committee is asking you to open your hearts and wallets to help feed homeless and needy families in North Port. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic the All Faith Food Bank (AFFB) has asked us to shift our annual **Food Drive** to a **Fund Drive**. The Fund Drive will run from **Monday, February 8 until Friday, February 12.**

Funds donated go to food pantries set up by the AFFB in the schools and in various mobile pantries in our community that are providing food to homeless and hungry students. As you might imagine, the need is great this year. Your donation provides daily, evening and weekend meals for many of these students.

The AFFB tells us that every \$ donated can purchase 5 nutritious meals whereas the average consumer may be able to purchase two cans of green beans with that same dollar. Providing funds avoids the possibility of receiving expired merchandise, and food safety is ensured as it is purchased, prepared, stored, sanitized, and distributed in the safest way.

Please deliver your monetary donations to your neighborhood representative by Friday, February 12. (Names and street addresses of neighborhood representatives are listed below.) There will be a box at their door marked AFFB. You may also mail your check to your neighborhood representative. Please ensure it is mailed so it reaches your representative NLT Saturday, February 13. Please make your check payable to **HCCF- Fund Drive**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to directly help the less fortunate residents of North Port. Thank you for your generosity!

- Country Club Cove – Dot Dsupin – 4331 Blue Heron Circle – 564-6595 ddsupin@gmail.com
- Creek's Edge – Bonnie Sutter – 5452 Royal Poinciana Way 610-730-6809 rob.bon.sutter@gmail.com
- Eagle Point- Deanne Siddall – 2878 Egret Court - Deanne.siddall@gmail.com
- Fairway Crossings – Sharon Jimenez -1296 Eagles Flight Way -223-4996 rickjim@comcast.net
- Hidden Oaks – Kathy Malavenda 3775 Whispering Oaks Dr -876-3229 tonykathym@gmail.com
- Heron's Reserve – Kathie Boccagna –5099 White Ibis Drive – 845/416-4856 sboccagna@aol.com
- Ibis Strand –Barbara Truehart– 5346 White Ibis Dr – 426-6110 golfbarbie@comcast.net
- Lakeside Greens – Gloria Davies-5649 Whispering Oaks Drive-876-4825 daviesgloria@icloud.com
- Osprey Cove – Judy Andy - 4315 Whispering Oaks Drive – hwrDandy@aol.com
- Palmetto Lakes – Pat Luchi - 1685 Creek Nine Drive – luchipat@yahoo.com
- Pine Meadows – Sherry Cooley – 5231 Pine Shadow Lane 802/272-9192 cheranjack@msn.com
- Quail Run – Mary Bowersock – 1341 Creek Nine Dr – 240-5399 mbowersock@outlook.com
- Scrub Jay Glen –Charles & Carol Parker– 5416 White Ibis Dr – 423-4619 Forecarol@aol.com
- Shadow Wood – Joan Perotti – 5283 White Ibis Drive 314/541-3325 jeperotti@gmail.com
- Southern Hills – Jean Waterhouse - 5160 Laurel Oak Court – JeanWaterhouse@comcast.net
- Wild Pines – Harry & Dianne Ruffel – 5368 Pine Shadow Ln – 423-9350 hjvr82@hotmail.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Foundation held its 11th Annual Membership Meeting on January 22, 2021. Board President Tony Malavenda opened the meeting with a quorum in attendance including proxy votes. Tony introduced Board members present and highlighted the Foundation's accomplishments over the past year.

- Challenging Year due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Both major fundraisers – golf tournament and concert – were postponed.
- Grant Awards were in jeopardy, so conducted a Grant Donation Campaign. HCCF members and Heron Creek residents were very generous – especially Sandy and Martha Edinger who donated \$10,000. Donations and investment income provided \$57,000 for grants.
- Grants focused on COVID-19 impact: Food, Housing, Health Care, and Scholarship. Grant recipients were:
 - North Port Meals on Wheels
 - Salvation Army of North Port
 - Family Promise
 - Take Stock in Children
 - Child Protection Center
 - Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center
 - Good Samaritan Health Services
- Giving Tree – Fulfilled gift wishes for children of 72 families.
- Annual Food Drive was held in February. Due to COVID-19, donations were solicited for distribution to the All Saints Food Bank rather than collecting food items.
- Also because of to COVID-19, the Dupree's Concert was rescheduled to October or November. Has since been rescheduled to later in 2021.
- The Annual Golf Tournament was rescheduled to October and raised \$30,000 that will be applied to 2021 grants.
- The Foundation's membership increased from 220 to 241 members. This continues to disappoint as we have 830 households. Annual membership is only \$100 per household.

Tony Malavenda introduced new Board members who will be voted into office this year: Art Dolben, Judy Broughton, Linda Shannon, Deanne Siddall, and Gary Marlar.

Pete Cunningham gave a treasurer's report. Net worth of the Foundation administration and endowment as of 12/31/2020 is \$436,339.00.

The Foundation thanks retiring Board members Tony Malavenda, Nancy Hoffman, Bruce Suardini, and Nancy Holden (deceased) for their service to the HCCF.

The 2021 Board then moved to their first scheduled meeting. A quorum present, Tony Malavenda presented the proposed slate of officers for the coming year that was voted to affirm;

- Holly Loos -President
- Robert Burkart - Vice President
- Pete Cunningham -Treasurer
- Mary Bowersock - Secretary and Nominating Committee.

Holly Loos then reviewed responsibilities of the various committees. Anyone desiring to serve on one of them committees should contact the committee chair. Current committee chairs are:

- Bill Bach – Resource & Development
- Jennifer Strieby – Membership
- Judy Broughton – Community Service Liaison
- Linda Shannon – By Laws
- Mary Bowersock - Nominating
- Gary Marlar – Publicity (Rozier Sharp will continue to manage the website and email monitoring)
- Grants – Rozier Sharp (non-board member)

Holly Loos stated that because COVID-19 prevented complete accomplishment of the 2020 goals, those goals will be continued as follows:

- In an effort to maintain and increase membership, determine why members do not renew their membership by developing and conducting a survey of all members in the past two years who have not renewed their membership for reasons other than moved or deceased and analyzing the data to develop strategies to maintain and increase members.
- Publicize the mission and accomplishments of the Foundation to a broader audience by increasing the number of articles or stories in media (internet, newspaper, radio, and television) and in the North Port community (by having a presence or display at community events).

The Board expresses our gratitude to Tony Malavenda for his leadership and guidance this past year. The accomplishments of the Foundation could not have been completed without his leadership.

Minutes of meetings, financial reports, and up-to-date information regarding the Foundations activities can be found at the Foundation's website: <https://www.heroncreekfoundation.org> .

Our next Board Meeting is February 23th at 3 pm.