

A Year in Review

While the 2021 year continued with the COVID challenges, your HCCF Board of Directors was committed to continuing the support in our North Port community. Our mission, “To support qualified charitable organizations that serve the citizens of North Port and improve the quality of life within the local community,” has never been stronger, supporting the needs and making an impact in the community.

This year, our 11th year as a foundation, we recognized the ongoing social-economic changes in our North Port community. In partnership with Gulf Coast, and the 2021 Regional Scan, the current North Port needs were identified, acknowledged, and addressed throughout the year. These identified needs are confirmed by the 2021 [regional scan](#) conducted by Gulf Coast Community Foundation. The scan not only sets the priorities for the foundation, but it also provides intelligence to community partners to help inform their planning, impact, and giving.

While our foundation supported the community with over \$72,000 going to various 501(c) (3) organizations, our commitment was not just for dollars, but the impact these dollars will have in 2022. We recognized that not only did we have a responsibility to the reactive charitable organizations, \$21,500 to All Faith’s Food Bank, but we needed to address the continued COVID impacting needs, including the effects that are ongoing with the children of North Port, our future. This year, we are supporting the national First Tee organization, for \$125 per child, per year, they will work with 200+ children building life skills, nine core values, educational tools, social skills, leadership, and teamwork, all in a positive youth environment. The impact for these children is critical and significant.

“Our Future Generations...”

“We are only beginning to understand the impact of the pandemic on youth. Remote learning, digital divides, and social isolation are among the more immediate and apparent challenges. The long-term implications on student

achievement, development, and nutrition mental well-being, and future economic opportunity are real, but they are largely invisible.”

Gulf Coast Community Foundation – [Regional Scan 2021](#) – The Gulf Coast Beyond COVID

Moving forward, the 11th Annual HCCF Golf Tournament was a huge success this year, with a net profit of \$43,000, ensuring our continued future support in the community. This tournament has been a signature event for the foundation, and we look forward to its continued success in the coming years. To say “Thank You” to all our members for supporting the foundation, we sponsored the first Holiday Home Tour for all our HC residents and club members. This was a free event for everyone to enjoy and share with friends and neighbors. Our 6 home participants opened their hearts and homes to kick off the Holiday Season. We had approximately 200 people go on tour! Our service committee, along with the generosity of our HC community, supported 75 children with the Giving Tree this year, ensuring that Santa was coming to all 75 kids!

Closing the year out, the HCCF Board of Directors, and friends, donated, cooked and delivered, Christmas Dinner to all 6 of our North Port Fire Departments. Thirty-two firefighters enjoyed a Prime Rib dinner with all the sides! Our way to say “Thank You” for all they do, each day!

While we don’t know what the future holds, we know that our foundation will continue its mission supporting the needs and making a positive impact in our community. If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to reach out to a Board Director or visit our website for additional information. Membership fees start at \$100, with additional discounts for added years. We have open positions on various committees and are actively looking for members who want to make a difference!

In closing, I would like to say “Thank you” to all who have supported the foundation and made a positive impact in our community during 2021.

Warm Regards,

Holly Loos

President

Heron Creek Community Foundation

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