



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: April 17, 2025

RE: Amazing Race Charity Distribution

Introduction:

The Amazing Race For Charity was held Saturday, March 29 in Eustis. Sponsored by many local businesses, the goal of the event is to raise funds for area non-profits serving Eustis residents and making a positive difference in our community.

Background:

Previously organized by a non-profit Board of Directors, the Amazing Race was handed off to the Eustis Events & Communication Department. The goal of the Department was to not only keep the successful event running, but to seek continuous improvement and increase the charitable contributions.

Recommended Action:

The Event team proudly recommends awarding \$41,850 to local charities. These charities were chosen through a formal application and committee selection process. Each organization was required to be a part of the annual Amazing Race for Charity by supplying volunteers and challenge support. Three groups went above and beyond hosting more than one challenge and/or water station, bringing dozens of volunteers, and creating an exciting atmosphere for our race participants. The following organizations will be receiving a donation: Worth it Suicide Outreach and Support Inc, Humane Society of Lake County, Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter Florida, Hand in Hand Recovery, ECS4Kids, Education Foundation of Lake County, Trout Lake Nature Center, Lake Cares Inc. Food Pantry, Companions for Courage, LovExtension, Inc., Alee Academy Charter School and the Eustis African American Heritage Celebration Committee, Inc.

Budget/Staff Impact:

Initial funding of \$27,500 was budgeted in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. With the help of generous sponsors and a large race turnout, \$14,350 in additional funds were raised and are being distributed in accordance with the mission of the race.

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