



# City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Rick Gierok, Interim City Manager

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RE: Amazing Race for Charities Presentation

## **Introduction:**

The Amazing Race For Charity event was held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 in Eustis. Sponsored by many local businesses, the goal of the event is to raise funds for area non-profits serving Eustis residents and positively making a 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 and this was our second year organizing the event. The goal of the Department was to not only keep the successful event running, but to seek continuous improvement and increase charitable contributions.

## **The Amazing Race for Charity Grant Recipients**

The City of Eustis is proud to award \$35,255.82 to fourteen (14) local charities. These charities were chosen through a formal application and selection process. Each organization was required to be a part of the annual Amazing Race for Charity by supplying volunteers and a challenge station for race participants. 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 participants. The following organizations will be receiving a donation:

- 1) Hand and Hand Recovery
- 2) Eustis African American Heritage Committee
- 3) Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter
- 4) Early Learning Coalition of Lake County
- 5) Eustis Police Charities
- 6) Human Society of Lake County
- 7) Lake Cares Pantry
- 8) Lake Support and Emergency Recovery
- 9) Project Noelle
- 10) Triangle Community Alliance
- 11) Trout Lake
- 12) Worth IT Suicide Outreach and Support
- 13) Alee Academy
- 14) LovExtension

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