



FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

2020 Program

Summer 2020

Dear Friend,

What a unique time in which we are living. We won't soon forget 2020, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. While very little in the present world matches our historic definition of "normal," we look forward to the day we can speak of COVID in the past tense.

These last months, we all have faced totally unforeseen challenges. At the Union County Foundation, we also have seen unique opportunities to be part of a positive, proactive response to the COVID outbreak. We're proud to have helped facilitate the community's collecting and disbursing critical financial aid and emergency response to our neighbors in need.

The attached newsletter shares more detail about several timely funds that the Foundation is administering – all fees waived – to lessen the pandemic's impact here.

As we thank you for your past support, we invite you to become a 2020 "Friend of the Foundation." This annual campaign is to cover some of UCF's annual operating costs – which, too, will be affected by COVID.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Foundation Celebration, typically held in the fall. Our concern for safety and health must take precedence over all else. Unfortunately, the Celebration is our primary fundraising event for the year and its revenue will be sorely missed!

We hope many of our supporters will consider adding a bit more to their regular "Friends of the Foundation" donation – perhaps what you would have spent at the Celebration this year. It's a big ask in a tough year, but we appreciate your help.

With Gratitude,

Chris Schmenk

Chris Schmenk
UCF Chairperson

David Vollrath

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Executive Director

DID YOU KNOW??

The CARES Act makes a **new charitable deduction** available to individual taxpayers that do not itemize their deductions. This new benefit, also referred to as a universal deduction, allows for a charitable deduction of up to \$300 per individual. This is an above-the-line contribution that is deducted from the individual taxpayer's income prior to the calculation of their adjusted gross income. This is the one charitable giving benefit that will extend beyond the 2020 tax year.

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