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Financial Stability

+2,000 residents received access to nutritious food/meal programs
+300 households completed SNAP applications and other benefit programs through Faiths Food Bank’s program for Reducing Food Insecurity.
96% of +9,900 residents served were ALICE Population.
300K dollars provided by UWS to support 649 children and 197 families through local nonprofits. (Sarasota Specific: 100 families and 220 individuals)

Emergency Response Dollars

$33,220.50 invested towards the community via Publix Last Resort Fund. Investments were split between Desoto & Sarasota so the county investments are mirrored.

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ALICE % from United Way
38 % below ALICE and 10% in Poverty

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$848,991.00 Invested in Early Learning, Financial Stability
$1,840,099 Invested in United Way Rapid Response Fund across five counties

# of Strategic Community Partners
34, including 16 investment partners

Focus Areas
Early Learning, Financial Stability, VITA

Sarasota also saw a 21% decrease in students entering kindergarten.

Across the state, including our 5 counties, all age groups have declined in showing proficiency in English Language Arts despite already starting at a low average of 54-57%. In 2021, the achievement for Sarasota County for grades 3-5 is 65%

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