



LIVEWELL
FOUNDATION
of South Lake



2025 Year in Review

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A MESSAGE FROM

RODNEY DRAWDY, CHAIR & DONNA C. KIRTLAND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude for the organizations, partners, and changemakers who continue to show up for the South Lake community in meaningful ways.

This year marked an important milestone for the Live Well Foundation of South Lake as we transitioned to a private foundation. This shift allows us to be even more intentional in how we invest in our community, focusing our resources where they can create the greatest impact and deepen the work already happening across South Lake.



Our role remains rooted in partnership. We are here to support organizations that are closest to the needs, helping them grow, expand, and reach more individuals and families. Being a private foundation strengthens our ability to do just that with clarity, purpose, and long-term vision.

Throughout 2025, we had the privilege of supporting initiatives that improved access to healthcare, expanded opportunities for youth and families, and strengthened the systems that help our community thrive. Behind every grant is a story. A student finding their path. A family receiving support when they need it most. A nonprofit reaching more people because they had the resources to do so.

Those stories are what drive us forward.

This year also marked an evolution in how we serve our nonprofit partners. We listened, learned, and refined our grantmaking process to be more responsive, more accessible, and more aligned with the real needs of our community. Because when our partners succeed, South Lake succeeds.

We are continually inspired by the resilience, creativity, and heart of this community. It is an honor to support the work being done every day by organizations that are deeply committed to making a difference.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

With gratitude,


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GRANT RECIPIENTS
2025 CAPACITY & EMPOWERMENT

◆ **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.**

Expanded dental services to ensure more individuals and families can access essential oral healthcare. When barriers are removed, prevention becomes possible and overall health improves. It is one more way this community is taking care of its own.



◆ **LIBBY'S LEGACY BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION**

Enhanced programs and outreach to support individuals navigating breast cancer with care, education, and resources. From early detection to survivorship, this work surrounds families with the support they need during some of their most difficult moments. It is compassionate care in action.



◆ **SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA, INC.**

Strengthened Lake County programming, creating more opportunities for athletes of all abilities to participate, compete, and connect. These programs build confidence, friendships, and a true sense of belonging. It is a reminder of what inclusion really looks like in action.



◆ **STUCKEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GROUP**

Supported community-led efforts focused on empowerment, engagement, and neighborhood connection. By investing in local voices and leadership, this work helps communities grow stronger from within. It is neighbors showing up for neighbors, and that is where real change begins.



GRANT RECIPIENTS
2025 TRANSFORMATION GRANTS

◆ **CITY OF GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF CLERMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Installed Safe Haven Baby surrender units on the exterior of fire stations, offering a secure, temperature-controlled place for infants to be safely surrendered. These units provide immediate care while giving parents a compassionate, anonymous option during a moment of crisis. It is the kind of quiet, life-saving work that speaks volumes about a community that shows up when it matters most.



◆ **COMMONSENSE CHILDBIRTH**

Expanded maternal mental health telehealth services into South Lake County, making it easier for mothers to access care during pregnancy and postpartum. By removing barriers like travel and limited provider access, more women are able to receive the support they need, when they need it. It is a powerful step toward healthier families and stronger beginnings.



◆ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAKE-SUMTER**

Provided critical home repairs alongside homeowner education, helping families maintain safe and stable places to live. This work goes beyond fixing homes, it equips families with the knowledge and confidence to care for them long term. It is about dignity, stability, and creating a foundation families can build their future on.



◆ **LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE**

Advanced the development of a 35,000 sq. ft. Health Science Building, opening doors for students pursuing careers in healthcare. This investment is not just about a building, it is about opportunity, access, and preparing the next generation to care for our community. The impact will be felt for years to come in exam rooms, clinics, and hospitals across South Lake.



Social Drivers of Health Areas Served Since Inception



Across 6 SDOH categories

IMPACT BY SDOH CATEGORY

28%

Mental Health, Community & Social Context

Largest category

- Mental Health
- Community Engagement
- Social Integration
- Support Systems
- Stress
- Racism/Discrimination

18%

Health Care Systems

- Provider Availability
- Quality of Care
- Coverage Facilities
- Cultural Competency

16%

Neighborhood & Physical Environment

- Housing
- Transportation
- Safety
- Parks & Playgrounds
- Walkability
- Recreation
- Zip/Geography

15%

Food Scarcity & Nutrition

- Hunger
- Access to Healthy Options
- Affordability of Food

12%

Health Related & Other Education

- Early Childhood
- Higher Education
- Literacy
- Vocational Training
- Language

11%

Economic Stability

- Employment
- Income
- Expenses
- Debt
- Medical Bills

FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS — ALL 53 GRANTS (ALPHABETICAL)

● Mental Health & Social ● Health Care ● Neighborhood ● Food ● Education ● Economic

1	Bachelors of Science Degree in Community Wellness and Sports Coaching	●●●●
2	Behavioral Health Capacity Building in South Lake County	●●
3	Building a Nation of Lifesavers — Cardiac Chain of Survival and Cardiac Arrest Survival Rates Across South Lake	●●●●
4	Cherry Lake Park — Fitness Court	●●
5	City of Groveland and City of Clermont Fire Department Safe Haven Baby Boxes	●●
6	Commonsense Childbirth	●●
7	Community CPR Training	●●●
8	Community Empowerment Center	●●●
9	Community Health Centers, Inc.	●●
10	Creation of Live Well Foundation Fund at Community Foundation of South Lake	
11	Dreamplex Therapeutic School Expansion	●●●●
12	Empowered By FAITH (Feed And Instruct The Hungry Neighborhood Center)	●●●
13	Enhancing our Digital Presence for Greater Impact in South Lake GCCF	●●
14	Expanding provisions for healthy foods, counseling and case management	●●●
15	Expanding the Healthcare Workforce	●●●
16	Expansion and Enhancement Project	●●●●
17	Expressive Arts Therapy — Mental Health Services to the ALICE Population	●●●
18	Find Feed and Restore's Care Coach	●●●●●
19	First United Methodist Church	●●●
20	Food Providers of South Lake	●●
21	Four Corners Dentist Expansion — Community Health Center	●●
22	Four Corners Pediatric Expansion	●●●
23	Gearing up GCCF for 2024 and beyond	●●●●
24	Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter, Florida	●●●
25	Hannah Grace Gardens Mascotte	●●●●
26	Healing Centered Youth Development Programming	●●●
27	Health Navigator Program	●●●●
28	IMPOWERing the Underserved through Telehealth Behavioral Health Services	●●
29	Improving mental health services	●●
30	Inclusive Playground — Kiwanis Club of South Lake	●●
31	Lake County Community Based Mental Health Program	●●
32	Lake-Sumter State College	●●
33	Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation	●●●
34	LifeStream Behavioral Center, Inc.	●●●
35	Medical Laboratory Technology Program	●●●●
36	Meet Us In The Middle Plaza & 8th Street Docks	●●
37	Mission United Veteran Transportation Program	●●●
38	New Clermont Health Center	●●●
39	No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town! FL-Orlando West 2024	●●
40	Orlando Health Choose One Program	●●●●
41	Orlando Health South Lake Hospital — Women's, Pediatrics & Trauma Expansion	●●●
42	Patio Project — Wellness & Socialization for Adults with Developmental Disabilities	●●●●
43	Road To Recovery Transportation Program — Lake County, FL	●●●
44	Seed to Survivorship — Waterwell Farm	●●●●●
45	South Lake Hospital Cardiovascular Surgery	●●
46	South Lake Preservation and Repair	●●
47	Special Olympics Florida — Lake County Programming	●●●
48	Special Olympics Florida, Inc.	●●●
49	Stuckey Community Improvement Group	●●●●
50	Technology improvements to increase the quality of bedside care	●●
51	The Mobile Hope Center — Block Party	●●●●●
52	United Groveland Health and Wellness	●●●●●
53	Wellness for Young Children and their Families	●●●

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