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## FPL Donates Nearly 80 iPads to the Education Foundation in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

*St. Lucie County, Fla.* – The Education Foundation, St. Lucie initiated a Laptop Drive in March 2020 to help homebound public school students obtain the use of a laptop for distance learning. This program supported the school district, which has distributed thousands of laptops since late March. To date the Education Foundation has raised over \$45,000 thanks to community support. Donations are still being accepted via Venmo (@EFSLC) or the Education Foundation website [www.educationfoundationstlucie.org](http://www.educationfoundationstlucie.org).

The largest donation to date, came from the Children’s Services Council of St. Lucie County. Funding will allow the Foundation to purchase laptops and loan them to the school district.

Other significant donations were received from Bank of America, Gold Coast Credit Union, Remnant Construction Company, Proctor Construction and several individuals. Many individuals and businesses have donated funds for one to three laptops at a cost of \$300 each.

Additionally, Florida Power & Light Company has donated nearly 80 iPads to the Education Foundation. The Foundation will distribute the iPads to students through the public school district. According to Kate Cotner, Senior External Affairs Advisor, the iPad donation is timely given the extension of distance learning for the remainder of the school year.

Thom Jones, President of the Education Foundation, St Lucie said he is grateful for the community support and pledged that 100% of all donations will be directly used to support students in need. He also stated that the fundraiser is ongoing and he is hopeful to receive additional community grants.

### About Education Foundation, St. Lucie:

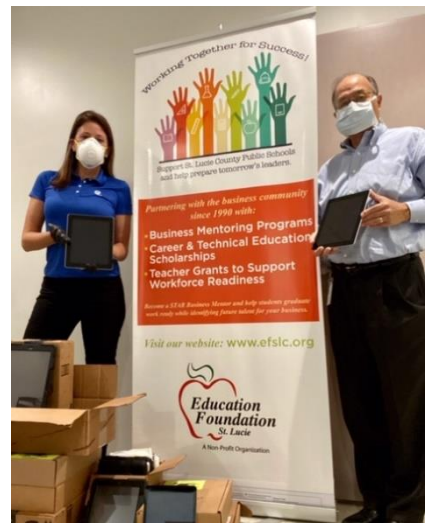
Education Foundation, St. Lucie is a community wide organization that provides teacher grants, which focus on helping improve literacy and support struggling students; student scholarships and high school mentoring programs to help students graduate.

Grants also support STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and CTE programs (Career & Technical Education) such as healthcare and automotive engineering.

Education Foundation, St. Lucie awards over 70 scholarships each year, to students of excellence and students of need that have succeeded against personal challenges.

Education Foundation, St. Lucie is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation dedicated to advancing public K-12 education. The Foundation has been providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in St. Lucie County since 1990.

If you would like to get involved as a sponsor, volunteer or supporter, please contact Thom Jones, President at (772) 429-5505 or visit [www.efslc.org](http://www.efslc.org)



Left to right, FPL Senior External Affairs Advisor Kate Cotner delivering iPads to Education Foundation of St. Lucie County President Thom Jones.



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