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Craig Latimer On Getting Ready for 2020 Elections



Senator Rick Scott to Donate First Quarter Senate Salary to USF Health for Production of 3-D Printed Testing Supplies



Senator Rick Scott announced he will donate his first quarter Senate salary to the University of South Florida (USF) Health's new Pandemic Research and Response Fund to support response and training efforts, research, and the continued production of 3-D printed supplies for Coronavirus testing.

Senator Rick Scott said, "Our nation is facing an unprecedented crisis. We, as Americans, have to come together to innovatively adapt and solve problems, and that's exactly what USF Health is doing. Their work to quickly develop Coronavirus testing supplies with 3-D printing technology will help us ramp up testing efforts nationwide and curb the spread of the Coronavirus NOW. I'm grateful to USF Health and all the incredible businesses, individuals, and organizations across our state and nation doing their part to end the Coronavirus, and I encourage every American to follow their lead. Together, we can beat this."

Read the full article [here](#).

Bucs Owners Donate \$100,000 to Help St. Petersburg's Small Businesses



The Glazer family, which owns the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is providing relief to those affected by the coronavirus pandemic on both sides of Tampa Bay.

The Glazers donated \$100,000 Wednesday to the Fighting Chance Fund, an emergency grant created to serve St. Petersburg's locally owned and independently operated small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 orders. Their donation is the third \$100,000 donation to the fund. The Vinik Family Foundation and the Milkey Family Foundation both previously wrote six-figure checks.

"During these difficult days, there are many needs that require immediate action to ensure the safety and well-being of so many throughout our region," Darcie Glazer Kassewitz said in a statement. "Mayor (Rick) Kriseman's Fighting Chance Fund provides the critical resources that so many small business owners in the area need at a time like this. We are committed to helping communities throughout Tampa Bay get through these difficult times by providing support and hope for better days to come."

On Tuesday, the Glazers contributed \$100,000 to a fund operated by the City of Tampa to help people with rent and utility payments during the pandemic.

Read the full article [here](#).

Disney Donates Masks, Rain Ponchos to Health Care Workers on Frontlines of Crisis



Disney Parks has donated thousands of respirators and rain ponchos to hospitals and medical professionals to help protect health care workers amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Disney says it recently donated more than 100,000 N95 masks to the states of New York, California, and Florida. These masks, or respirators, are protective

devices designed to achieve a very close facial fit and very efficient filtration of airborne particles, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Disney also says it has provided 150,000 rain ponchos to MedShare, a humanitarian aid organization, for distribution to hospitals in need. Nurses and others on the frontlines of the crisis can use the ponchos to protect their clothing and prolong the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), while also freeing up gowns.

Read the full article [here](#).

Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund Launches With Nearly \$1 Million in Funding Assistance



A unique partnership has been launched to help nonprofit 501(c) organizations and government agencies being affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. The Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund is a new strategic collaboration of the Pinellas Community Foundation, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, and United Way Suncoast with nearly \$1 million of funding assistance that will support organizations in DeSoto, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties.

Funding allocations will be prioritized among the following three categories: Protection of Human Life, Mitigation of Additional Harm, and Strengthening Nonprofits Related to Critical Intervention Services to the Community.

Read the full press release [here](#).

Ashley HomeStore Donating \$25,000 to Feeding Tampa Bay



Furniture retailer Ashley HomeStore said Monday it will donate \$25,000 to Feeding Tampa Bay, helping the nonprofit provide 250,000 meals to those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

"At this time, there are a lot of needs that must be met both in our communities and around the world," Ashley Executive Vice President of Retail and Sales Operations Greg Kammer, said in an announcement. "It is important for us to do our part, spread positivity, and remind everyone that we are in this together."

Feeding Tampa Bay provides more than five million meals a month across 10 counties and has seen a 40 percent increase in demand as a result of the

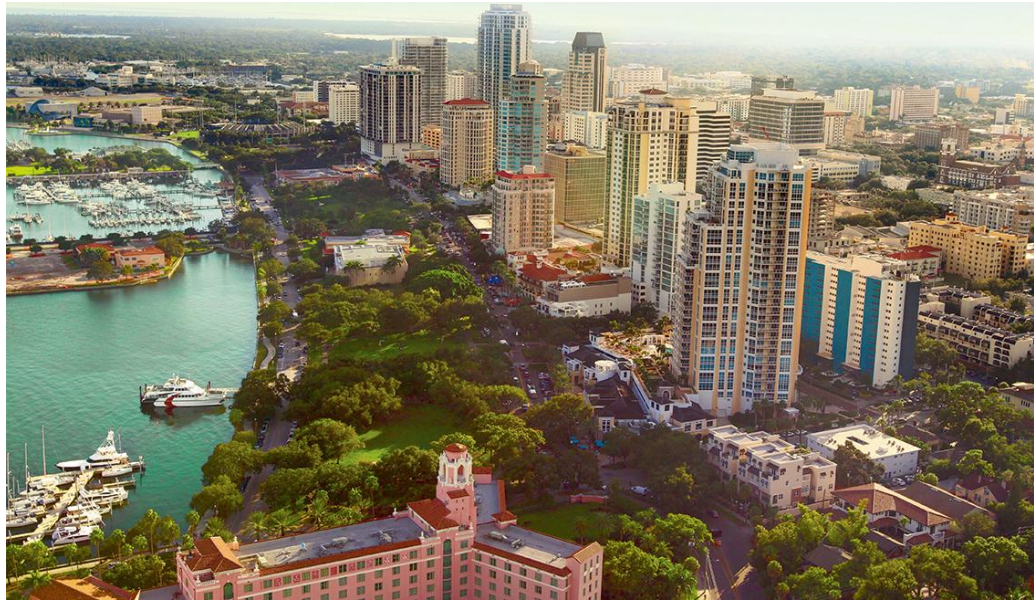
intertwined health and economic crises. With each dollar that supporters donate, the nonprofit says it can help provide 10 full meals to those in need.

Ashley's corporate retail headquarters are in Ybor City. Its donation will help Feeding Tampa Bay meet the needs of those it serves daily, as well as at-risk groups that include:

- Children who are out of school and will have no access to school meals or after-school meals.
- High-risk seniors and others who cannot get food.
- Families that would not normally need help, but have lost wages and seen household expenses rise.

Read the full article [here](#).

City of St. Petersburg Launches the Fighting Chance Fund to Help Small Local Businesses



The grant program will provide \$5,000 to eligible small businesses in the city, as well as \$500 to eligible employees who are either out of work or whose salaries were significantly impacted.

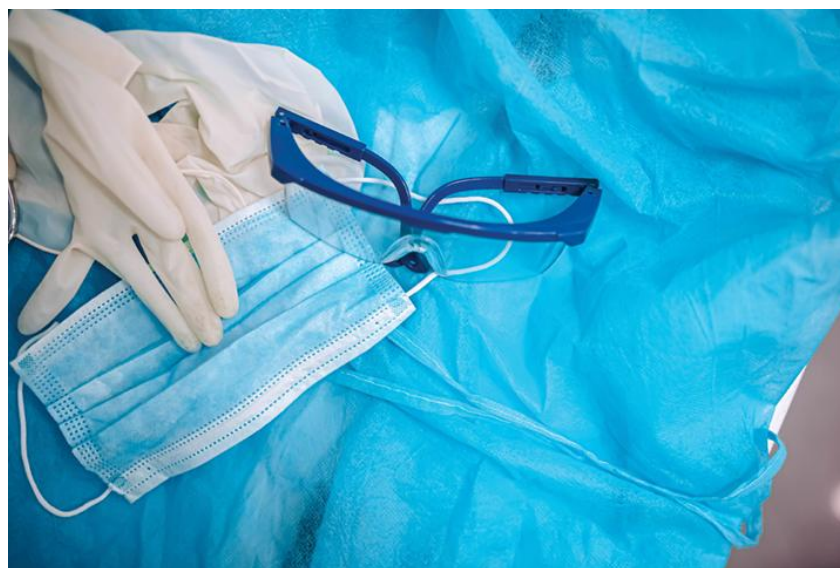
"St. Pete is facing an unprecedented public health challenge, but our city doesn't stand alone. Cities and towns across America are struggling through this uncertainty just as we are. And although we are not alone in facing this global pandemic, we must lead the way in ensuring the safety and well being for all of our citizens," Tomalin said in a video taped in front of the city's Greenhouse.

The Greenhouse, a public private partnership between the city and the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, will facilitate the funds.

Small businesses located in the city that qualify include those most impacted by the coronavirus crisis, including bars, restaurants, night clubs, pet services, retail establishments, fitness centers and event space.

To qualify, the independent owner and operator must not only operate the business within city limits, they must also live within the city.

Pinellas County Opens New PPE Donation Sites



Pinellas County is opening nine new donation sites for personal protective equipment supplies and disinfectants. The county says the supplies will be delivered to local hospitals, long-term care facilities, and first responders. Personal protective equipment items needed are: P100 masks, N95 masks, face shields, Nitrile exam gloves (powder free), eye protection, and surgical tear away gowns.

PPE donation sites:

- Fire Station 29, 11195 70th Ave. N., Seminole

- Fire Station 57, 3375 Tarpon Lake Blvd, Palm Harbor
- Fire Station 54, 225 Pine Ave, Oldsmar
- Fire Station 35, 11350 N 43rd St., Pinellas Park
- Fire Station 25, 250 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach
- Fire Station 24, 180 108th Ave., Treasure Island
- Fire Station 23, 7301 Gulf Blvd., St Pete Beach
- St. Pete Free Clinic, 3115 44th Ave N., St Petersburg
- RCS Pinellas, 700 Druid Road, Clearwater

For a full listing of needed items and up-to-date information on opportunities for business donations, click [here](#).

