

Dear Friends of Southern Delaware Education Foundation,

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit us all hard, but none harder than those already at the poverty level or even below. Many of our friends and donors have asked how we are doing and if the Southern Delaware Education Foundation (SDEF) is still in business giving scholarships to the local needy. SDEF continues in our mission as a 501c3 to provide scholarships to qualified adult residents of Sussex County who are unemployed or under-employed. We provide the funds they need for classes, which upon completion will lead to securing Delaware state certification or licensing in jobs that pay significantly more than jobs requiring only unskilled labor.

Typically, these courses are about 90 days, cost under \$3000, and are held at Sussex Tech Adult Division or Del Tech or other facility in Sussex County. Our scholarships provide up to 75% of the tuition and the student is responsible for the balance. We support people who are employable, meet our requirements and will work for a better life for themselves and their families. We educate in areas where there are jobs waiting upon completion. We like to say we are in the poverty prevention business.

There are three ways you can help us as we, and the whole world, work through this COVID-19 pandemic.

- We need to continue to promote our name and mission in the community so we can serve more people. Who do you know who would meet our qualifications that we can help?
- We need whatever expertise, energy and interests you have, to support an organization that wants to make a difference in our community. Would you like to join SDEF in this work? Our website is www.sdefcares.org.
- We are exploring how we will return to fundraising as we come out of this critical time in a safe way for all. In the meantime, we need financial donations and an ongoing source of funds to support our mission to help lift local folks out of poverty. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. You can send your check to:

**SDEF
PO BOX 645
Ocean View, DE 19970**

Tax ID# is 81-2216210

We are grateful for support we have received in the past. But we your support now more than ever. If you support the work we are doing, please contact one of the Board Members listed below.

Sincerely,



Howard Boyd, President

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