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Jessica Schmitt of Literacy Services accepts a check from Tom Rhodes, co-owner of Sunshine Laundries. MAUREEN NICOLACE

Sunshine Laundries raises money for Literacy Services

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VERO BEACH -- Sunshine Laundries raised \$1,019 for Literacy Services of Indian River County last quarter as part of its Community Washer & Dryer pro-

In all the program raised a total of \$3,542 for three Treasure Coast nonprofits: \$1,019 for Literacy Services of Indian River County, \$1,914 for 4Kids Treasure Coast, and \$609 for Martha's House in Okeechobee County during the months of April, May and June

Sunshine donates 25% of the gross revenue from a designated washer and dryer to a local charity each quarter. According to co-owner Tom Rhodes, the company typically donates \$15,000 annually to area nonprofits. A record amount of \$4,533 was raised for Missionary Flights during the first quarter of 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic

Other nonprofits who have received funds in the past include Salvation Army, Little Birthday Angels, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, and more.

"As we adapt to the new normal, this donation will be invested in tools that will help us reach our students through virtual platforms and with online learning tools," said Jessica Schmitt, executive director of Literacy Services, an organization dedicated to empowering adult learners as they gain English language literacy skills to reach their goals.

The recipient for the third quarter, July through September, is Voices for Children of Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast. The funds collected at all seven of Sunshine's locations will be dedicated to supporting the Guardian ad Litem program.

If your organization is interested in being considered as a recipient of the quarterly Community Washer & Dryer Program, visit www.sunshinelaundries.com/support.