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**MAC Provides \$150,000 in Cash Assistance to  
South Florida Farmworker Families**

**HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, Feb. 11, 2021** – On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Mexican American Council, in partnership with The Foundation for Farmworkers, will provide \$150,000 in cash assistance to 150 families. Each family will receive a \$1,000 check and will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the MAC Parent Resource Center (29344 SW 158th Court #274 Homestead, FL 33033).

“We were blessed to receive a large anonymous donation of funds to provide cash assistance to farmworker families on the East Coast of the United States. Our donor asked us to get the funds into the hands of farmworker families as quickly as possible and the Mexican American Council was uniquely positioned to do that,” said John E. Menditto, President of the Board of The Foundation for Farmworkers. “We have been told our cash assistance has helped families make rent, keep the lights on, and put food on the table.”

The families to receive this cash assistance are provided with direct program services from the Mexican American Council. They include the College and Career Prep, Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory, Family Empowerment Program, and the Adult Literacy Program.

“Together we will lift up our essential farmworker families,” said Edward C. Garza, CEO of the Mexican American Council. “Families who have worked nonstop in this pandemic to provide the fruits and vegetables we eat every day.”

To avoid contact and minimize the transmission of COVID-19, the Mexican American Council will have a drive-through distribution of the checks. The funds can be used in the ways that best meet the needs of families.

**About Mexican American Council:** The Mexican American Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to ensure that every farmworker child is provided access to a quality education, the arts, and technology for a brighter future in South Florida. For more information, visit [mexamcouncil.org](http://mexamcouncil.org).

**About The Foundation for Farmworkers:** The Foundation for Farmworkers is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide services and support for farmworker families to be free from fear of family separation, to recover from disaster, and to pursue higher education. For more information, visit [foundationforfarmworkers.org](http://foundationforfarmworkers.org).

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