



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

*"Alone, we can do so little;
together, we can do so much"*

- Helen Keller

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

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October 1, 2023

Friends of the Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation,

On the cover of this 2023 Annual Report, there is a quote from Helen Keller that aptly describes our vision. Within this report, you will read of our many successes, achieved only by “Making a Difference Together”.

Philanthropy has been described as generosity in all forms and is often defined as giving gifts of “time, talent and treasure” to help make life better for other people. Our Pelican Sound community is a perfect example of how we continue working together for the benefit of others.

As we conclude another year, we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, including residents, volunteers, Pelican Sound staff and corporate sponsors, for making it possible to help local organizations serving families, children, veterans and others in our community. Thanks to your generosity, our Grants Program was able to award \$125,000 to 12 local charitable organizations nominated by our Pelican Sound community members.

Again, thank you for stepping up to the challenge. Your generosity has truly made a difference. Please read through our 2023 Annual Report and feel proud that you helped us in *Making a Difference Together!*

Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation Directors 2022/2023

Ed VonderBrink, President

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Our Mission

*To support charitable and educational
programs of organizations
that improve the lives of Southwest Florida
residents in need.*

and

Our Vision

Making a Difference Together

OUR GRANTMAKING STORY

In 2018, the Pelican Sound Golf and River Club Administration and Board of Directors welcomed the concept of organizing a way to manage the many requests for charitable fundraising and donation drive events. After exploring options, the **Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation** was created and approved by the PSGRC Board of Directors in 2019 and the journey began.

With over 94,000 charitable and nonprofit organizations in Florida alone, and over 6,000 registered in Lee County, the Foundation had to decide how to focus its efforts. Knowing that many of the community members donate generously to nonprofits in their out-of-state communities, it was determined that the Foundation would focus on *people in need* in its nearby communities in Southwest Florida. Thus, our mission statement was developed to reflect this goal.

The mission of the Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation (PSCF) is to support charitable and educational programs of organizations that improve the lives of SWFL residents in need.

Each year, community members are invited to nominate charities that provide direct services of food, clothing, shelter or health needs, or that provide direct educational services such as literacy or job skills for people in need in Southwest Florida. The committee then reviews the qualifications of the organizations, their nonprofit ratings and their financial stability to determine their eligibility. The charities that qualify are then invited to submit a grant application to the Foundation which is reviewed by the Grants Committee and presented to the Board for approval of funding.

**Thanks to the generosity of our community members,
during our first four years, we awarded
\$380,000 to 19 local nonprofits**

OUR CHARITIES

In April 2023, the Foundation Board awarded \$125,000 to 12 local charities that serve people in need in our nearby communities. This was possible because of the generous donations from hundreds of Pelican Sound community members who participated in our events and/or made direct donations to the Foundation.

Alliance for Period Supplies for SWFL

Providing Period Supplies - \$3,000

Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides free period supplies for at-risk women and girls in Collier and Lee Counties. By providing free monthly period products for financially challenged women and girls, they can participate fully in school, work, and daily life.



American Heart Association of SWFL

LEADERS FOR A RESILIENT GENERATION - \$10,000

The American Heart Association of SWFL program supports children and their families who are impacted by congenital heart defects (CHD) through a variety of program in the local schools. The *Leaders for A Resilient Generation* program provides children in grades children in grades K-5 in Lee County with the resources, knowledge and support to live more full and healthy lives.



**American
Heart
Association.**

Café of Life

Ongoing Outreach Program - \$10,000

Café of Life in Bonita Springs is dedicated to meeting the basic human needs of the working poor, low-income seniors, and children. The Center at Leitner Neighborhood Park served over 21,000 daily mid-day meals to needy families and supports a take-home food pantry and a used clothing program. Funds from this grant provided for food, paper products, and hygiene items. The Foundation also worked with the Harrell family to facilitate an additional \$10,000 donation to this organization.



The Dubin Center

Dementia Caregiver Support & Education Program - \$12,000

The Dubin Center Dementia Caregiver Support and Education program provides training for caregivers of persons living with a dementia-related diagnosis through their Savvy Caregiver and Dealing with Dementia courses. The center is also available to coach caregivers through daily challenges often encountered by those living with dementia and is available to support caregivers by offering crisis support.



OUR CHARITIES

Feeding the 5000 - \$10,000

The Lamb of God Church and Feeding The 5000-project work with community partners in the battle against hunger in our nearby communities. This grant will increase the quality and number of meals served to families during the Thanksgiving holiday in 2023. An additional 1700 meals will be provided to families because of this grant.



Guardian ad Litem Foundation 20th Judicial Circuit, Inc.

Children's Needs Program- \$10,000

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation Children's Needs Program provides funding for those who have been removed from their homes due to neglect, abuse or abandonment. The program provides vulnerable children with unwavering support, care, guidance, and resources to ensure their success in their new families, in school and in life.



Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc.

Appliances for New Homes - \$20,000

Habitat for Humanity provided essential appliances – refrigerator, stove, microwave, washer, dryer, and associated equipment – for ten new homes in Lee and Hendry County. The value of having energy efficient appliances in their homes greatly affects the quality of life for families in need of safe and affordable places to live.



Hearts & Homes for Veterans, Inc.

Veterans Assistance Program - \$10,000

Hearts & Homes for Veterans, Inc. was formed not just to be another charity, but to end homelessness and assist low-income veterans in SWFL who face challenges in their daily living. The grant will be used to assist veteran clients with emergency financial needs such as rent, temporary housing, utility costs, bus passes and gas cards.



OUR CHARITIES

Interfaith Charities of SWFL

The Reading Corner Program - \$5,000

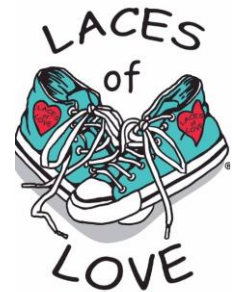
Interfaith Charities of South Lee was provided funds for the purchase of book shelves and books for a new mini-library for children and their families at the ICSSL Outreach Center. The Reading Corner is used by Summer Lunch attendees and has a weekly story time program throughout the year.



Laces of Love

Shoes for Children - \$10,000

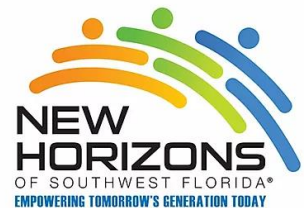
The mission of Laces of Love is to provide new shoes, especially sneakers, to low income and disadvantaged children in Lee and Collier counties. Shoes are provided through a partnership with local schools and are purchased at a considerable discount from local sources that also partner with the organization.



New Horizons of SWFL

Super Kids Reading Camp - \$15,000

New Horizons' four-week Super Kids Reading Camp for K-5 students at five sites in Lee and Collier counties focuses on minimizing summer backslide particularly for students who speak English as a second language. Most students exceeded all outcomes for the program because of the individualized attention they receive at camp.



Protected Harbor

Wheelchair Accessible Raised Garden Beds - \$10,000

Protected Harbor serves the needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through group homes and a Supported Living Program for adults who do not need 24-hour assistance. This grant supports the that are handicapped and wheelchair accessible for residents of the group homes.



PROTECTED HARBOR
A SAFE HAVEN FOR GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

purchase of raised garden beds

OUR EVENTS

Spooktacular Golf Tournament

The Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation's Spooktacular Golf Outing was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The 4-person scramble was ghostly fun with 119 golfers participating in the Tournament and several more members joining the dinner. The weather was great, and everyone loved the format of varying fun rules for each hole! \$5,375 was raised for the Foundation and a big THANKS to all who continue to help by Making a Difference Together!



Scavenger Hunt and Golf Cart Raffle

The Scavenger Hunt was held on Sunday, March 19, 2023. The event was sold out with over 200 attendees. The participants enjoyed answering several clues while racing throughout Pelican Sound on their golf carts. A yummy barbecue dinner from Texas Tony's was served in Pelican Park after the race. A golf cart raffle and fun game of Heads and Tails were also a part of the event. Over \$20,000 was raised for the foundation.



Joe Leonard was the lucky winner of the Golf Cart Raffle, provided by Gator Golf Cars

OUR EVENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION DRIVES AND EVENTS

The Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation also recognizes the generosity of the community and the desire to conduct charitable donation drives in times of need. These have included drives for food, hygiene products, clothing, among others and are considered special projects falling under the category of **Caring Hearts. Giving Spirits.**

Leagues, informal groups, or individuals that desire to conduct a community-wide donation drive are encouraged to submit an application. The Foundation will work to facilitate marketing the special project with email blasts, the Social Wave, Upcoming Events and the Club Calendar and to balance the number of appeals to the community throughout the year. An example of our donation drives include:

Cafe of Life Diaper Drive - 30,954 Diapers Donated!

Generous donations to Cafe of Life represent a \$13,000 contribution and provided a huge relief to parents who struggle to afford this expensive necessity.



The PSCF also has special events that do not fall under the fundraising category but are educational and promotional. Examples of our special events include:

Volunteer Fair

The Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation Volunteer Fair was a huge success! The theme of the Fair was "Find your passion! Get involved! Make a difference" The Fair's purpose was to provide residents of Pelican Sound an opportunity to learn about where they might volunteer in our area. Twenty-six non-profit organizations were present to talk with approximately 150 residents who attended the Fair.

Sound Learning

This year the Foundation sponsored a presentation by the Dubin Center. Similar events are planned for the future.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

There are so many people to thank for supporting The Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation. Our **Friends of the Foundation** are PS residents that have been extremely generous with their direct monetary donations through our email appeals. This year, 84 households contributed more than \$65,000.

GOLD LEVEL GIVING

Cindy Charlier and Gay Crain
Gary and Karen Gunderson
Fred and Martha Kohnke
Dusty and Kathy Rhodes
David and Jo Ellen Sweet
Ed and Jude VonderBrink

BRONZE LEVEL GIVING

Richard and Beverly Alwine
Anonymous
Heather Bartholomew
Nick and Mary Bartholomew
Mert and Pat Becker
David and Elaine Best
Roger and Ann Bird
Ronald and Marilyn Boogaard
Thomas and Sherry Bowe
Elizabeth Bridgman
Joan Buffone and Dorsey Hammond
James and Barb Caldwell
Scott and Sue Carter
Maurice and Kathleen Clark
Neil and Nancy Collins
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Rusty and Mary Demeules
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Jim and Kathy Fitzpatrick
Melissa and Gary Forbes
Kenneth and Nancy Freeman
Richard and Anne Fries
Scott and Mary Grace Gallagher
Bradley and Caroline Gilchrist
Thomas and Mary Granneman

SILVER LEVEL GIVING

Russell Frith
Paul and Jan Lindemann
Charles and Sandy Stoneburner

BRONZE LEVEL GIVING

John Haas
Dave and PJ Hamblett
Kenneth Harris
Gordon and Susan Harrison
Doug and Joan Hoover
Warren and Diana Howard
Roy and Suzanne Hubner
Joseph and Barbara Isabella
Michael and Nancy Jarrick
Dave and Annette Koch
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Joseph Litzinger and Betsy Radley
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George and Beth Mantikas
Eugene and Deena McCarthy
Michael and Tina MacDowell
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Mike and Judy Molloy
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Susan Mulholland
Richard and Nancy Murphy
Cheryl Nabholz and Erich Knehans
Michael and Lauren Nevins
Jorge and Faye Olondo
James and Deb Patton
Robert Pike
Johanna Rademacher
Frank and Ann Ragonese
David and Patti Reglin

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BRONZE LEVEL GIVING (continued)

Richard and Kay Rhodes	John and Linda Trentacosta
Gregg and Ann Ripp	Lawrence and Judy Ward
Gary and Mary Rogers	Patrick Weiss
Charles and Theresa Sampsel	Jessica Whited
Brian and Susan Sawchuk	Dennis and Linda Wilt
Robert and Barb Schultz	MaryJane Underkoffler
Allen and Aileen Sedman	United Way
Larry and Cathy Stanford	Norbert and Mary Ann Zonca
Gwen Swanger – Traveling Bridge Team	

Another important group of donors are the **Businesses** that have generously donated items for raffles, silent auctions, hole sponsor signage, event sponsorships and their time at our fundraising events. Below is a list of our Corporate Partners/Sponsors.

2022 – 2023 Corporate Partners/Sponsors

Aeret Restoration
American Unique Remodeling
Cheney Foods
Envirostruct
Everblades Pine Straw
Fitrev
Florida Fitness
Gator Golf Cars
Greenscapes Landscaping
Gulf Shores Facility Services
Harrell Chemicals
Imperial Painting
Jumpp To It
Mantilia Team
Westco Turf

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

In addition to our Friends of the Foundation, the Business Partners/Sponsors, PS staff and our Event Committee Team, we also had over 425 Pelican Sound members who contributed by participating in our fundraising events, sponsoring a hole on the golf course or donating in-kind raffle and auction prizes. Many of these members also volunteered their time helping with our events.

**Below is an alphabetical listing of those PS members who helped us with
MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!**

Rose Addy – Sharee Ahrendsen - Jeff Ahrendsen – Mary Albiero - Thomas Albiero – David Allen - Rick Anderson – Sharon Anderson - Evan Angel – June Angel – Katie Baeverstad – Mark Baeverstad – Joanne Bailey – John Bailey – James Baker – David Baron – Evelyn Baron - Thomas Barr - Jan Bartel – Ric Beck – Mert Becker - Pat Becker – Paul Bedborough – Gwenn Bellcourt – Jay Benzshawel - Kevin Beres – Mary Beres – Lynn Bevan – Michael Bevin - Ann Bird – Roger Bird – Janet Bodenmiller – Gina Brannan - Betsy Bridgman – Anne Marie Brown – Ellen Brubaker - Joan Buffone – David Bukovac – Lance Burmeister – Chris Burns – Larry Burns – Polly Burson - John Butzer – Lois Byrne – Bill Byrne – Barb Caldwell – Jim Caldwell – Stephanie Campbell - Thomas Campbell – Connie Canfield – Robert Canfield - Ben Caputo – Kevin Carey – Theresa Carney – Sue Carney – James Carney – Robert Caron - Scott Carter - Susan Carter – Sharon Case – Dennis Cashman – Marianne Cashman – Alan Castroll – Jeanine Castroll – Cindy Charlier – Paul Cohen – Sandra Cole - Cheryl Coleman – Eric Collins - Nancy Collins – Neil Collins - Ray Collins - Gail Colton - Judy Comparato - Mike Comparato – Brian Connor – Jane Connor - Greg Craig - Patty Craig – Mimi Crotty – Diane Dahlin – Anthony DaSilva – Henry DeFrancesca - Marilyn DeFrancesca – Steven DeMeuse – Susan Denman – Ann Derenne - Chuck Derenne – Philip DeSimone - Charles DeVeau - Helen DeVeau – Timothy Devita – Jim Diller – Robin Diller – Michael Downey - Stephen Driscoll – Donna Dwyer – George Dyer – Shirley Dyer - Celeste Eaton – Timothy Eaton – Karen Ellenbecker – Barbara Escamilla – Cheryl Everts - Donald Farnsworth – Richard Fearon – Edward Finan – Judith Finan – Richard Fitch - James Fitzpatrick - Kathy Fitzpatrick – Joanne Foot - Gary Forbes – Melissa Forbes – Cynthia Forrest – April Francis – Cynthia Fraulo – Joseph Fraulo – Jacqueline Frew – Stephen Frew – Anne Fries – Rick Fries – Cal Froehlich – Denise Froehlich – Valerie Fuller - Mary Grace Gallagher - Scott Gallagher – Marguerite Gambardella – Vincent Gambardella - Barbara Gamel - Robert Gamel – Susan Gargiulo - Thomas Gargiulo – Michael Gass – Patricia Gass - – Timothy Gibbons – Caroline Gilchrist - Cynthia Gilchrist – Tammy Gilman – Greg Glass – John Graft – Marcia Graft - Claudia Gram - Rick Gram – Mark Gregorek - Daniel Gregory - Maggie Gregory - Jeffrey Grimley – Julie Grimley - Luc Guens – Gary Gundersen – Karen Gundersen – Chris Halik – Raymond Halik - Mark Hall – Deborah Halpin – David Hamblett – PJ Hamblett – Dorsey Hammond – Lloyd Hargus – Susan Hargus – Don Harlan – Tina Harlan - Gordon Harrison - Susan Harrison – Karen Hart – Theodore Hartquist – Carole Hastings – Donna Hauck - Al Hauer - Jan Hauer – David Hauser - Lisa Hauser – Jon Helberg – Terese Helberg – John Hennessy – Patricia Higerd – Terry Higerd – Frederick Hong – Kathy Hook – Lee Hook – Gloria Hughes - Patrick Hughes - Jeffrey Hunt – Renee Hunt – Paula Hunter – Richard Hunter - Sara Jackson – Aliraza Jaffer - Cynthia Janssens –

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Michael Jarrick – Kenneth Jesberger – Timothy Johnson – Alan Jones - Christine Jones – Denise Jones - Tom Jones – Ben Joyce – Marion Kaiser - Sally Kelly – Jay Kemmerer – Jennifer Kemmerer - Lauren Kemp – John Kennedy – William Kessler – Beatrice Kikendall - Paul Kikendall - James Klempka – Larry Kline – Roxanne Kline – Kathleen Knox – Terrance Knox - Annette Koch - David Koch – Linda Koch - Robert Koch – Fred Kohnke – David Kolasinski - Gail Kolasinski – Michael Koors - David Koziol - Lynn Latiano - Raymond Latiano – Susan Lavoie – David Leach – Joyce Lenart - Raymond Lenart – Candace Leonard – James Leonard – Joseph Leonard - Dick Lilly – Thomas Lipsky - Paul Litzinger – Joni Lonsdale – Steve Lonsdale – Diane Lowe - Robert Lowe – Paul Lynch – Leonard MacEachern – John Malyska - Bill Manny – Pam Manny – Andrew Marchese - Marianna Marchese – Jane Maslowski – Dick Mathson - James Matlock – Renee Matlock – Diane Manu – Ron Maunu – William Maxwell – Judy May – Larry McDonald – Elaine McGivern - Jim McGivern – Dawn McKee – Tom McKee – John McReynolds - John Merz – Kathy Merz – Edward Minicozzi – Patricia Minicozzi – Mark Mirsberger – Patricia Montague – Donna Morris - Lynelle Moscaritolo - Karen Moskal – Louis Moskal – Susan Mulholand - Nancy W Murphy – Karen Nelson – Wally Nelson - John Nuttall – Lily Nuttall - John O'Brien – Maureen O'Brien – Wendy Pajor – Debra Palmer – Joyce Panzone - Deborah Patton - Tom Pelland – Beth Peracchio – Paul Peracchio - Lawrence Phillipps – Paula Podoll - Glenn Pratt – Linda Pratt - Gary Privett - Karen Privett – Katherine Puorro - Ronald Puorro - Chuck Pusateri - Tina Pusateri - Johanna Rademacher - Betsy Radley – Frank Ragonese - Carol Ralston – Chris Ralston – Christine Ralston - Michael Ralston - Sandy Reeves – David Reglin – Patti Reglin – Dusty Rhodes - Kathy Rhodes – Kay Rhodes – Joseph Ricci – Mary Ann Ricci - Mark Ricciardelli – Nancy Ricciardelli – Fred Rice – Christina Rieder – Deb Rieder – Jim Rieder - Ross Riley – Ann Ripp – Gregg Ripp – Gary Rodgers – Mary Rodgers – Connie Rothenberger - Rick Rothenberger – Kristie Rozran - Richard Rozran - Karen Rudd – Stephen Rudd - Paula Ruggeri - Tony Ruggeri – Walter Savage - Brian Sawchuk - Susan Sawchuk – Lynn Schenck – Mary Schiller – Thomas Schiller - Rosemary Schintzius – Jeffrey Schouten – Susan Schouten - John Scott - Sharon Sefferino - Robert Seifert – Sheri Seifert – Brian Shea – Brian Sherlock – Kathy Sherlock - Michael Sias – Anne Marie Sienna – Lee Sienna - Steven Silver – Bob Simpson – Kathryn Sloan – Michael Small – Deborah Smith – Mary Beth Smith - Patrick Smith – Susan M Smith – Cyndi Soles - Mike Sopora – Catherine Stanford – J.W. Mike Starr - Pamela Starr – Eugene Stautberg - Jon Steele – Maggie Steele – Lee Stevenson – James Stewart – Leslie Stewart – Linda Stewart – Carol Stone - William Stone – Jennifer Straub - Randy Straub – Janet Strozewski - Thomas Strozewski – Linda Stypulkowski - Paul Stypulkowski - David Sweet – JoEllen Sweet – Linda Temple - Paul Temple - Rick Tepe - Trudy Tepe - Elizabeth Tewey – Chuck Thompson – Dennis Tobin – Dottie Tottser – Clare Towle – Ralph Towle – Maureen Traverse - Ronald Trefzer – Linda Trentacosta – Richard Tschoeke – Judy Twombly – Jane Underkoffler - Jim Urick – Suzi Urick – James Van Auken – Lynn Van Auken – Diane Van Stone – John Van Stone – Patricia Vander Mause - Thomas Vander Mause – Heidi Vesely – Nicholas Vesely - Edward VonderBrink – Marge Wallace – Patricia Walsh - Nancy Walter - Steven Walter – Diana Warren - Howard Warren – Art Watson – Carolyn Watson – Linda Weaver – Stephen Weaver - Patrick Weiss – Cynthia Wells – Elaine Wells - Wayne Wells – Debra Werner - Thomas Werner – Ron Willbur – Dorene Wilson - Gary Wilson – Ann Marie Winsch – Stephen Winsch - Lisa Wisniewski – Steven Wisniewski – Karen Wood - Stephen Wood – William Worthington – Missy Wright - J.D. Young – Lynn Young

The Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation appreciates the support of all those who contributed to our success.

If we have inadvertently omitted your name in the list above, please notify us via email at: info@pscharitablefoundation.org so we can correct our records.

OUR FINANCIALS

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements For the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Receipts

Events, net of expenses

Spooktacular Golf Tournament	\$	5,375	
Scavenger Hunt		9,513	
Golf Cart Raffle		<u>11,357</u>	26,245

Monetary Donations

Amazon Smile	\$	418	
Corporate Partners		44,500	
Individuals		<u>65,351</u>	110,269

Total Funds Raised \$ 136,514

Disbursements

Administrative Expenses 7,600

Net available for disbursements to charities - current year \$ 128,914

Total available \$ 128,914

Grants awarded 125,000

Balance available for future grants \$ 3,914

Not included in the above Financial Statement are in-kind donations valued at \$12,000 that were donated and disbursed as part of the Foundation's Giving Hearts, Giving Spirits Special Projects.