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Rayonier awards grants to 40 local nonprofit organizations in Nassau County, Florida.

WILDLIGHT, Florida – Rayonier awarded \$123,700 to 40 local nonprofit organizations to help address key community needs across Nassau County. Recipients of the award were recognized individually this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual special awards breakfast was canceled.

The recipients will use the funds to help meet a range of needs in the Nassau County community, including civic, cultural, educational, environmental, natural resources, health and human services programs.

“These organizations provide a critical lifeline for kids and families in Nassau County,” said Mark Hebert, Director, Eastern Forests for Rayonier. “Being good stewards is not only caring for the environment, the forests or supporting more than 5,000 jobs, but also making sure our community is cared for.”

Nassau Education Foundation, one of the grant recipients, plans to use their grant to continue to support local teachers provide their students with an innovative learning experience, so they can achieve their greatest potential.

“The tireless work of these organizations is vital to help the most vulnerable people in the county,” said Wes Hinton, Vice President, Wildlight for Raydient Places + Properties. “Living here for more than three decades, I've seen firsthand how valuable their work is to the residents of the county.”

Rayonier awarded, through the Rayonier Community Fund, grants for a total of \$271,000 in 2021 across the United States. Approximately, 45% of those funds will be distributed to the following Nassau County organizations:

All Pro Dads
Amelia Island Book Festival
Amelia Island Museum of History
American Heart Association
American Red Cross of NE Florida

Arts Alive Nassau, Inc.
Baptist Health Foundation
Barnabas Center Inc
Big Brothers Big Sisters NEFL
Blue Fire Theatre

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County
Boys Scouts of America
Community Hospice & Palliative Care
Elm Street Sportsman Association
Family Support Services of North Florida
Fernandina Beach High School Foundation
First Coast Healing Hands, Inc
Folds of Honor
Institute for Enterprise Inc.
Keep Nassau Beautiful
Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival
Nassau County 4H Association
Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc
Nassau County Mental Health Alcohol &
Drug Abuse Council
Nassau Education Foundation

Nassau Habitat for Humanity, Inc
Nassau County Sheriff's Office Charities
Northeast Florida Fair Association
St Marys Riverkeeper
Take Stock in Children of Nassau County
The Arc Nassau
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Northern & Central Florida Chapter
The Salvation Army - Hope House
The US Constitution Scholarship Foundation
Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation
University of Florida / IFAS Extension
University of Florida / Project Learning Tree
Veterans Council of Nassau County
West Nassau Historical Society
YMCA of Florida's First Coast

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Photo Captions

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1. Kim Sartor, Public Affairs Associate and Mark Bridwell Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary for Rayonier present grant to Janice Ancrum, President & CEO Nassau County Council on Aging for Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program.
2. Jonathan Simpson, VP, Accounting Operations for Rayonier presenting Jamie Reynolds, Barnabas Center, Chief Executive Officer, and Tania Yount, Chief Development Officer provide a contribution for Barnabas Mobile Food Distribution and Meal Pack Programs.
3. Kim Sartor, Public Affairs Associate for Rayonier presents grant to Sheriff Bill Leeper, Nassau County Sheriff's Charities for Shop with Cops program
4. Kim Sartor, Public Affairs Associate, and Jonathan Simpson, VP, Accounting Operations for Rayonier present Wayne Peterson and Lawrence Albertie with Elm Street Sportsman Association provide grant to assist with Holiday Meal Program throughout Nassau County.
5. Dan Roach, Director Public Affairs for Rayonier presents grant to Taylor Clem, County Extension Director.