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Rayonier Provides Grants to 53 Nonprofit Organizations Supporting Nassau County

WILDLIGHT, Fla. – Rayonier announced the award of \$178,700 to 53 area organizations serving Nassau County. The company hosted its annual special awards breakfast on December 1st at the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center to recognize the recipients.

The grant recipients will use the funds to address a range of community needs, including civic, cultural, educational, environmental, natural resources, and health and human services programs.

“We believe that the health and well-being of our local communities, which are home to not only our forestlands but also our employees and contractor workforce, are critical to the long-term success of Rayonier,” said Mark McHugh, President and CFO. “As a company that has been a part of Nassau County for nearly a century, it is our privilege to support the meaningful work of this year’s grant recipients.”

Present at the awards breakfast were Rep. Dean Black, District 15, and District Aide George Spicer. Also in attendance were Commissioner John Martin, District 1; Commissioner A.M. “Hupp” Huppman, District 2; Commissioner Jeff Gray, District 3; Commissioner Alyson McCullough, District 4; and Commissioner Klynt Farmer, District 5.

Nassau County School District Superintendent Dr. Kathy K. Burns and former Nassau County school board member Donna Martin also joined the breakfast.

“This annual grant breakfast serves as a solid reminder of Rayonier’s commitment to serving the community,” said Commissioner Hupp Huppman. “The non-profit agencies and foundations Rayonier has chosen to support this year provide critical services directly to the citizens of Nassau County. We are fortunate to have this kind of generous corporate partnership.”

New to this year’s program, grant recipients who attended the breakfast contributed

stocking stuffers for children in the care of Family Support Services of North Florida.

Through its community fund, Rayonier awarded grants to the following Nassau County organizations and projects in Northeast Florida in 2023:

Amelia Island Book Festival	Nassau County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management
Amelia Island Museum of History	Nassau County Sheriff's Office Charities
American Heart Association	Nassau County School District
American Red Cross	Nassau Education Foundation
Arts Alive Nassau	Nassau Habitat for Humanity
Baptist Health System Foundation	Nassau Humane Society
Barnabas Center Inc.	Nassau Racial Equality Coalition
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida	National Pediatric Cancer Foundation
Blue Fire Theatre	Northeast Florida Fair Association
Boy Scouts of America, North Florida Council	School Board of Nassau County - All Pro Dads
Elm Street Sportsman Association	St. Marys Riverkeeper
Families in Transition	Take Stock in Children of Nassau County
Family Support Services of North Florida	The Arc Nassau
Fernandina Beach High School Foundation	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Northern & Central Florida Chapter
Ferst Readers of Nassau County	The Salvation Army Hope House
FireFlight Flagler County	The US Constitution Scholarship Foundation
First Coast Healing Hands, Inc.	Three Rivers Legal Services
Florida Forestry Foundation	Traders Hill Farm
Folds of Honor Amelia Island	Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation
Florida State College at Jacksonville Foundation	University of Florida/IFAS Extension
Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation	University of Florida Foundation
Institute for Enterprise Inc.	Veterans Council of Nassau County
Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens	West Nassau Historical Society
Keep Nassau Beautiful	YMCA of Florida's First Coast - McArthur Center
Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival	YMCA of Florida's First Coast - Wildlight Center
Micah's Place, Inc.	
Nassau County Extension UF/IFAS Extension	
Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc.	

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Photo Captions

Follow this [link](#) for pictures from the Nassau County grant breakfast.

1. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Thea Seagraves, Amelia Island Museum of History; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.
2. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Lena Ramsey, Big Brothers Big Sisters; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.
3. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Regina Lee and Robin Lentz, Take Stock in

- Children; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.
4. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Kelvin Williams, Boy Scouts of America NEFL Council; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.
 5. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Paulette Kirkland, Northeast Florida Fair Association; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.
 6. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Spencer Hewitt, Kelli Norstrem, and Kelsey Irvine, Nassau County Extension UF/IFAS Extension 4H; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.
 7. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager, Rayonier; Ed Brown and Dr. Kathy Burns, Nassau County School District; and Dave Nunes, CEO, Rayonier.