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## **Rayonier Awards Grants to 47 Nonprofit Organizations in Nassau County**

WILDLIGHT, Fla. – Rayonier is pleased to announce that \$138,000 has been awarded to 47 local nonprofit organizations across Nassau County. Recipients of the grants were recognized at a special awards breakfast held at the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center.

The 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.

“These organizations are instrumental in improving the health and well-being of Nassau County families and residents,” said Mark Hebert, vice president of Eastern Forest Resources for Rayonier. “We have been embedded in this community for more than 85 years and are proud to support and recognize the tireless efforts of this year’s recipients.”

Present at the awards breakfast were Commissioner Jeff Gray (Chairman, District 3), Commissioner Klynt Farmer (Vice-Chairman, District 5), Commissioner A.M. “Hupp” Huppman (District 2), Commissioner Alyson McCullough (District 4), and Ocean, Highway and Port Authority Commissioner Mike Cole (District 5). Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Kathy K. Burns and board member Gail Cook (District 2) from the Nassau County School District, Nassau County Economic Development Board Executive Director Sherri Mitchell, and Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper.

“I love seeing the County’s corporate residents, neighbors and officials supporting the important work that our non-profit community does for Nassau County,” said Commissioner Klynt Farmer. “It’s truly a testament to why people aspire to raise a family here. Our community is made up of some of the most loving, caring and charitable people in the state of Florida and I’m proud to call Nassau my home.”

Through its community fund, Rayonier provided grants to the following organizations and projects in Nassau County in 2022:

Amelia Island Book Festival  
Amelia Island Museum of History  
American Business Women's Association  
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, North Florida Council  
Community Hospice & Palliative Care  
Elm Street Sportsman Association  
Family Support Services of North Florida  
Fernandina Beach High School Foundation  
Ferst Readers of Nassau County  
First Coast Healing Hands, Inc  
Florida Forestry Foundation  
Folds of Honor Amelia Island  
Institute for Enterprise Inc.  
Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens  
Keep Nassau Beautiful  
Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Nassau County 4H Association  
Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc  
Nassau County Sheriff's Office Charities  
Nassau Education Foundation  
Nassau Habitat for Humanity, Inc  
Nassau Humane Society  
Nassau Racial Equality Coalition  
Northeast Florida Fair Association  
School Board of Nassau County: All Pro Dads  
Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare  
St. Marys Riverkeeper  
Take Stock in Children of Nassau County  
The Arc Nassau  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Salvation Army - Hope House  
The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation  
Traders Hill Farm  
Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation  
University of Florida / IFAS Extension  
Veterans Council of Nassau County  
West Nassau Historical Society  
Westside Optimist Club  
YMCA of Florida's First Coast

### About Rayonier

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### Photo Captions

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

1. Wes Hinton, VP, Wildlight; Rhett Rogers, VP, Portfolio Management for Rayonier; Mike Bell, VP, Public Affairs and Communications for Rayonier; and Mark Bridwell, VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Rayonier present grant to Florida Forest Service: Jacksonville District Manager Andy Lamborn and Jennifer Hart, Deputy Chief, Region 2.
2. Wes Hinton, VP, Wildlight; Rhett Rogers, VP, Portfolio Management for Rayonier; Mike Bell, VP, Public Affairs and Communications for Rayonier; and Mark Bridwell, VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Rayonier provide a contribution to Major General (Ret.) US Air Force Steven Kearney and Stephen Marciano of Folds of Honor.
3. Wes Hinton, VP, Wildlight; Rhett Rogers, VP, Portfolio Management for Rayonier; Mike Bell, VP, Public Affairs and Communications for Rayonier; and Mark Bridwell, VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Rayonier present grant to Janice Ancrum, President and CEO, Council on Aging, and Scott Brown, Development Director, for Council on Aging.
4. Wes Hinton, VP, Wildlight; Rhett Rogers, VP, Portfolio Management for Rayonier; Mike Bell, VP, Public Affairs and Communications for Rayonier; and Mark Bridwell, VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Rayonier present grant to Emily Baumgartner, Treasurer; John Hendricks, President; and Debbie Stokes, Board Member, for West Nassau Historical Society.
5. John Elwell, VP, COO and Co-founder of Institute for Enterprise and Sherri Mitchell, Director for Institute for Enterprise, receive grant from Rayonier Community Affairs Manager Kim Sartor and

Mike Bell, VP, Public Affairs and Communications for Rayonier.

6. Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager for Rayonier and Mike Bell, VP, Public Affairs and Communications for Rayonier present contribution to Nidhi Every, Senior Development Officer for Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation.
7. Rayonier Community Affairs Manager, Kim Sartor, presents grant to Bonnie and Les DeMerle for the Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival.
8. Thea Seagraves, Amelia Island Museum of History's education director, accepts grant from Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager for Rayonier.
9. Krystal Jersey of Westside Optimist Club receives contribution from Kim Sartor, Community Affairs Manager for Rayonier.