

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# **Engage Estero Annual Report**

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# THE ENGAGE ESTERO ANNUAL REPORT

At the start of 2023, Engage Estero conducted a survey to help provide meaningful guidance for the management team on whether residents felt a need for such an organization and, if so, how best we could serve the community. It was highly encouraging to find that 75% believed there was a need for a community-based, 501c3 nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and volunteer community organization that monitors and addresses the

actions that could adversely affect our community. In comparison, 20% were unsure, and only 5% felt no need for such an organization. The reasons why citizens considered the Engage Estero was necessary included:

- Nonpartisan, nonpolitical groups are needed in our divided society.
- To be a voice for responsible growth and environmental issues.
- Keep development to a minimum to maintain our quality of life.
- Part of the checks and balances for our community.
- To keep our community safe and progressive going into the future.

The topics over half wanted to know more about:

- ✓ Local Building Development: 75%
- ✓ Local Road and Bike Path Construction: 71%
- ✓ Water Pollution (Estero Bay and Estero River): 67%
- ✓ Discussing the latest State and Local legislation that will impact our area and what we can do about it: 64%
- ✓ Solutions and mitigation efforts to reduce Red Tide and blue-green algae: 63%
- ✓ Discussion of Estero's Recreational plans: 61%
- ✓ A review of the strategic planning processes used by the Village and the County: 60%
- ✓ Evaluating the Village Council Plans and Timelines: 51%

75%

of those surveyed believe in the need for an organization like Engage Estero





When asked what else Engage, Estero could do to help residents understand more about what is happening in our community. The following issues were raised:

- ✓ There is a need for more specific information about development before the Village of Estero's approval.
- ✓ There is a need to limit development until the infrastructure is in place (impact Fees).
- ✓ Early in the planning, consideration of the impact of development growth on the water supply and pollution of the Estero River is needed.
- ✓ The impact on road safety from increased traffic due to the planned developments.

Given this vital information, Engage Estero addressed these and other relevant issues during 2023, as you will see later in this report.

# The Transition from the Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) to Engage Estero

Another critical action taken in February 2023 was renaming the ECCL to Engage Estero and refocusing the organization. The decision was made after considerable deliberation from within the organization, FGCU's management experts, and input from the public. It was agreed that our organization would:

- 1) Be more easily recognized as a result of the re-branding.
- 2) More easily clarify our purpose, mission, and vision.
- 3) Help improve response to community needs.
- 4) Avoid public confusion of the ECCL with the Estero Village Council.
- 5) Positively impact how people respond to our messaging.
- 6) Spread awareness of our purpose, mission, and vision to the community.
- 7) Strengthen the value of our message.
- 8) Improve and expand our communication efforts.

The rebranding of the ECCL to Engage Estero officially occurred on February 1, 2023. Engage Estero residents and members gathered for a celebratory evening at Rapallo on February 16. Following drinks and hors d' oeuvres, Jim Gilmartin, Engage Estero's President, explained the reasons behind the change and its new direction during a 25-minute PowerPoint presentation.

Given the feedback and positive comments from many individuals in the community, we believe that Engage





Estero has already fulfilled many of these anticipated benefits.



#### What Are We?

Engage Estero is an all-volunteer, nonpolitical, nonprofit Community Engagement Association.

#### Purpose: Why Do We Exist?

We exist to *inform* citizens of significant community issues and encourage citizen *engagement* to *impact the quality of life in greater Estero favorably*.

#### Mission: What Do We Do?

#### **Our Volunteers:**

- <u>Build trust</u>: We provide\_transparency, listen to citizens, evaluate government plans and local activities, and communicate informed and collective opinions to citizens and community decision-makers.
- <u>Conduct research:</u> We communicate findings, seek opportunities, offer solutions, and challenge threats to energize citizen engagement.
- <u>Organize live and online educational forums:</u> We provide government and community decision-makers with expertise, articles, and insight to promote balanced information.
- <u>Collaborate:</u> We connect with water, environment, safety and transportation,
   community health, and local education organizations to strengthen our voices and increase favorable community impacts.

What We Do, We Do With Purpose, Passion, And Pride In Our Community.

#### Our Vision: To What Do We Aspire?

To have an informed and engaged citizenry, resulting in a community that delivers the desired quality of life.



# Funding Support for Engage Estero



To ensure resources are available when the need arises, the Engage Estero Board of Directors and Executive Management Team studied the need to increase the sustainability and effectiveness of Engage Estero. Ongoing funding is required to maintain the level of responsiveness the community desires. To accomplish that end, we have established the *Engage Estero Community Impact Fund*, an IRS-qualified 501(c)3 corporation registered with Florida.

In 2024, we will embark on a three-year journey to make Engage Estero a financially sustainable organization to meet the needs and desires of greater Estero citizens. To accomplish that goal, we need to increase operating revenues by \$40,000 in 2024. In the next three years, an additional \$140,000 will be required to embark on a fundraising campaign to achieve \$3,000,000 in support for Engage Estero.

#### Why is such a level of support needed?

- We engage volunteers to offer time, talent, and treasury to serve your needs. Although our volunteer staff has been and is continually committed, we require professionally compensated staff to meet future needs, providing the high level of communication, information, and action you have come to expect and will continue to expect.
- The level of our readiness to respond to continue to help those in desperate need during disasters must remain high.



We challenge threats and encourage citizen engagement, conducting research, sharing our findings and facts, and collaborating with others to strengthen your voice.





- In defense of a position on a critical issue that may affect your quality of life, when required, we need to engage experts, scientists, consultants, specialists, and legal representatives to help thwart threats to our community.
- We conduct informative Public Forums and provide you with transparency, effectively communicate with community decision-makers, and provide balanced information. We bring attention to and promote community opportunities that make a positive difference in our community.
- To increase our expertise and the power of your voice, we have partnered with the Calusa Waterkeeper, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Water School, and The Sanabel-Captiva Conservation Society to create "Sustainability and Community Resilience." This science-based, multi-year, ongoing project will require research and monitoring funds to continue measuring fecal matter and nitrates polluting Estero Bay and its tributaries. We will recommend collective solutions to address drinking and recreational water and environmental issues and problems.
- We are monitoring the commercial developments in Estero's urbanization process and examining what threats these developments pose to our infrastructure and aquifers.
- We will continue to work with local health professionals to monitor the community health needs of greater Estero's citizens and offer programs to improve your health and wellness.
- We are focused on road safety issues and bike and pedestrian path infrastructure, consulting with the Lee Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Transportation. Creating a cycling-friendly environment reduces congestion, promotes healthier mobility, and reduces reliance on personal vehicles.
- We are working with Lee County School District, FGCU, and others to ensure our young professionals can find reasonably priced housing nearby to support our healthcare systems, schools, police, emergency services, and other service workers. This benefits all who live in greater Estero.
- We will provide local scholarships and student internships and support on your behalf for our local teachers and children. We will support Junior Achievement programs, individual volunteers, and youth organizations like LEAD Estero with events and programs to support student scholarships and other education improvement efforts.





Working with FGCU and other experts, we are developing an Estero information website and communications to promote our community for commerce, investment, visitors, and residents. This will provide comprehensive, up-to-date information on what is happening in greater Estero.

# We have significantly improved our community's quality of life over almost two decades.

We are on a quest, a journey to a destination where our community is engaged in greater Estero. You can join and invest in us on our journey. What we do is local and directly affects your quality of life favorably. Your investment in the *Engage Estero Community Impact Fund* assures a continuation of our work—a lack of funding limits our actions. Resources require financing. Please invest in helping us respond when opportunities to improve our community arise.

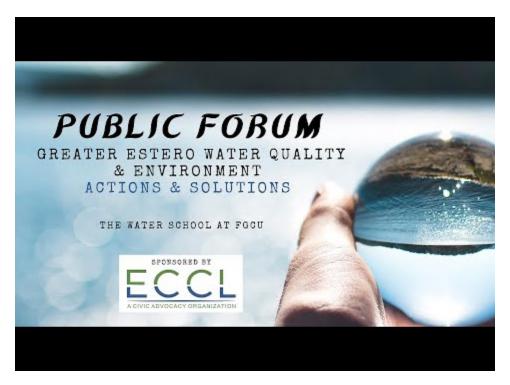
Whether you grew up in greater Estero, started a business, or are retired, please consider supporting and investing in Engage Estero's Community Impact Fund. We are devoted to ensuring that greater Estero remains a community where you, your family, and your neighbors have continued pride.





# The 2023 Accomplishments

# **Public Forums**



# Water Quality.

The environment and water quality remain at the top of greater Estero's residents' concerns. Many residents attended the January 24, 2023, Public Forum on Water Quality and the Environment, sponsored by Engage Estero. The compelling debate highlighted numerous essential issues to over 200 residents who attended and the 250 who later listened to the recording.





#### The expert panel comprised:

- Greg Tolley, Executive Director of The Water School at FGCU
- Bob Moore, Co-Chair of the Sanibel-Captiva Renewable Energy Working Group
- John Cassani, Calusa Waterkeeper Emeritus
- Matt DePaolis, Environmental Policy Director, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)

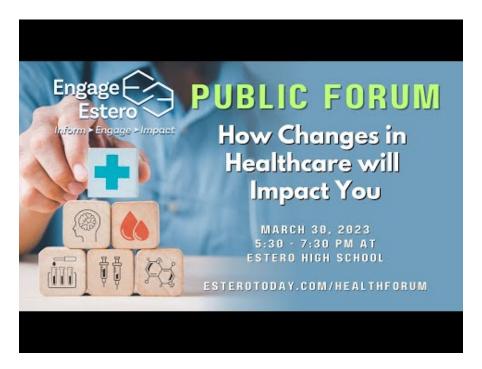
The panel members discussed some disturbing predictions for Southwest Florida and greater Estero:

Sanibel, Marco Island, and Southwest Fort Myers will be underwater by 2100. Disasters costing more than **\$1B annually** will increase to 17 - 18 in 2022, from 8 - 9 events in 1980.

The **sea level** increased every ten years by 1.5" between 1900 and 1921. However, from 2010 to 2021, that rate per 10 years has risen to 3.7"— more than double. So, how that will relate in the next 30 to 40 years becomes a concern.







The Future of Community Healthcare

There are increasing concerns expressed by the public, doctors, nurses, and administrators about the ability to cope effectively with the aging population in the USA. This is exacerbated by the predicted reduction in available doctors and nurses over the next few years.

The influx of 1,000 more people per day moving to Florida, many to Lee County, makes the impact of these events of far greater concern here in greater Estero. the topic was "How Changes in Healthcare will Impact You!" The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Forum arranged by Engage Estero was held at Estero High School on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

A distinguished panel of local experts answered several essential questions on the impact of doctor and nurse shortages and how the mergers of many private primary care practices with hospital and insurance organizations could impact the quality of healthcare you will receive. Many other important topics were covered, and the panel also addressed many questions from those who attended.





# The Future of Greater Estero – Urbanization

Around 225 residents attended the meeting, and the YouTube video of the event was watched by 780 residents, making it one of the most-watched events that Engage Estero has hosted! The meeting was held at FGCU's Cohen Ballroom and sponsored by FGCU's Water School.

The panel consisted of Daniel DeLisi, Land use Planning and water/Environmental Policy Consultant; Ross McIntosh, Senior Commercial Real Estate Broker and Respected Speaker; Steve Sarkozy, Village of Estero Manager; Jim Wallace, Managing Partner Genova Realty LLC, and moderated by Dr Shelton Weeks, FGCU's Professor of Economics and Finance.

Steve Sarkozy, Estero's Village Manager, pointed out some of the changes that have already occurred in Estero during the last 20 years and went on to explain that the rate of change is happening at an escalating pace as Estero builds out on the last remaining parcels of land within the Village Center (between US 41, Three Oaks Parkway, Estero Parkway, and Coconut Road). If these lots are maxed out, it is estimated that this could add 3-4,000 more units within Estero.

However, along East Corkscrew, there are already 26,000 housing units approved and 19,000 more yet to be built! In addition, going North on Three Oaks Parkway, there are already 5,000 units that have been added in the last five years, and another 3,000 will be built in that area. Mr. Sarkozy said, "In just those two corridors we use all the time as residents, there's a huge amount of growth."





As a result of several essential land purchases by the Village, one being the 62½ acres on the corner of US41 and Corkscrew Road, with the designation of the 30 acres to the south of Estero River being designated a preserve, some potential growth has been averted.

"We've looked at other potential acquisitions out east on Corkscrew within the village, and the one mentioned, the Panther way, was a \$40 million purchase, just too huge. Hopefully, the county and various conservation programs can get involved, but the time to buy is now," according to Sarkozy.

Many important topics were covered during the meeting:

- Risks to Water Quality and Flood Control.
- Community Planning.
- Future Developmental plans
- Mixed Use Developments.
- Adaptive reuse and repurposing of under-utilized commercial buildings.

Given the concerns expressed by residents who have felt they have not had sufficient notice about such developments as the Woodfield project on the corner of US41 and Coconut Road or the Brooks Town Center development, it was important to hear that there was support expressed for more public involvement before plans go before the Village Planning and Zoning Board which Engage Estero has been advocating.

Jim Wallace indicated, "The public should collaborate with the developer to ensure your goals are incorporated into their plans and reward developers who over-achieve." Wallace also felt that all stakeholders should be involved at the conceptual stage long before it goes to the Planning and Zoning Board! He said, "That worked very well for us in the past.





The Future of Estero Schools and Education.

November's Public Forum featuring Dr. Adam Malloy Lee School District Director, Planning, Growth, and Capacity and Lee County School Board Member, Chris Patricca was highly informative about how Lee County Schools manages growth. They are concentrating on helping parents access high-quality education close to home. This effort will reduce busing challenges for the district. Labor shortages in teachers and bus drivers continue to be a challenge. Student projections will exceed 114,000 in 2033. This does not include Charter schools.

The School District could add capacity by adding buildings and seats at existing schools. The school district will build PreK through 8th-grade schools in the capital plan and in the future. There are advantages to both options: 1) building traditional elementary and middle schools, 2) PreK through 8th grade.

The School District maintains a balancing act to ensure seats are available for all students. Engage Estero reported in November that Cameratta, the developers of the Kingston site proposed on East Corkscrew Road, is planning to build 10,000 single-family homes, plus 700,000 feet of commercial space with land for a K-8 school.

In addition, the FFD Farms development also has acreage for an elementary school in their plans. However, at this time, discussions with developers are still ongoing, and although the situation is flexible, the potential school sites are not currently in the 2024 Capital Plan.





Chris Patricca, Lee County School Board member, District 3, discussed her focus on improving educational standards. She pointed out that the district is updating benefits to attract and retain teachers. The challenge is affordable "workforce housing." The district collaborates with other entities (LCSO, Lee Health, Fire Rescue Districts, etc.) to address this issue. Because of the prohibitive cost of homes or renting, the impact on attracting and keeping teachers in the area is creating considerable difficulties.

# Other Important Actions Taken in 2023



# **Developments and Transportation**

In our efforts to report, we published several articles and other notices telling our residents about issues coming before the Village of Estero's Planning, Zoning, and Design Board and the Village Council. These included updates about new developments emerging (Coconut Pointe Residents, Brooks Center, Via Coconut, Corkscrew and Via Coconut, Woodfield Development, RT 41, and Coconut Road; and Camargo RT41 and Pelican Sound Road).

In September, A summary of recent and new developments planned or under construction in the Greater Estero Area was communicated to our email list of just under 10,000 residents and posted on our website. It is updated every six months. This information is of considerable interest and importance to residents and is the item that generates the most "hits" on our website.

Lou Frattarelli, Safety and Traffic Committee, provided vital information about a new potential road connecting RT41 to Via Coconut and details about the proposed 2023-2024 Village Wide Traffic Study scope. This committee continues to make progress in developing map-based graphics showing residents information about developments and the Village Capital Improvement Plan, increasing their ability to find and understand what is happening in Estero.





Given the public concern about traffic congestion in Estero and the impact new developments will have, Engage Estero determined that the 2024 holistic traffic survey planned by the Village Management will address most, if not all, of these concerns. The Village of Estero Councilperson George Zalucki and Village Management reassured

that the following issues would be considered. Engage Estero expressed their thanks for their helpful guidance. The traffic study will consider estimates for the development of vacant parcels.

- It will consider the impact on developments outside the Estero Village boundary.
- It will consider the peak traffic flow from January to May.
- Workers' travel and service vehicles will be accounted for.
- There will be public meetings during the project and public meetings to discuss the report at Village Council meetings.

Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity are covered in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The first master plan was completed in 2019. The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan includes an update for 2025-2026. The Lee County MPO also recently completed a study on the rail/trail project.

The horrific traffic accident at Williams and Rt 41 in November ignited a concern for traffic safety. Add the ongoing problem of traffic congestion from SW Florida population growth, which makes this an extraordinarily complex issue. The Village has commissioned a traffic study to assess the impact of this growth.

The traffic study will take most of 2024 to complete. Engage Estero is looking at this complex issue of safety and congestion to identify improvement strategies. A new leader who is interested in championing this safety effort is emerging. Teresa Vitanza has recruited additional volunteers and is beginning conversations with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, LDOT, FDOT, and the Village of Estero. Bureaucracies are often reactive, citing data that shows they are doing their job. This group will seek strategies to improve traffic safety awareness at every driver level, an initiative-taking model. Expect a public forum in late February to begin this initiative.





The Environment and Water Quality

Engage Estero has been instrumental in helping form a Water and Environment Improvement Planning Steering Group comprising Dr. Greg Tolley, FGCU; Mike Savarese, FGCU; Serge Thomas, FGCU; James Evans, Sanibel Captiva Conservancy Foundation; Matt DePaolis, Sanibel Captiva Conservancy Foundation; John Cassani, Calusa WaterKeeper Emeritus; Codty Pierce, Calusa WaterKeeper; Bob Moore, Lee Climate Reality; Allan Bowditch, Chief Communication Office Engage Estero; Jim Gilmartin; president, Engage Estero. The purpose of the group is to:

- identify those local problems and threats to our water quality and environment that are causing the most significant concern to residents.
- identify the key topics that should be the subject of any initiative.
- explain the economic benefits and aspects that will enrich the community.
- provide a set of principles to guide policymaking:
  - Best practices to improve water quality.
  - Best practices for stormwater management.
  - Best practices for HOAs.
  - Best practices for golf courses.
  - Best practices for new developments.
  - Best practices for land use planning.





# **Developing New Methods of Communicating Estero Information**

Engage Estero is adding a geographical context to community communications. This effort will increase resident engagement, improve clarification, and increase understanding of complex information and the fabric of Estero, a sense of place.

This technology will improve the content of the EsteroToday.com website and our email blasts. It will open new commercial information possibilities for Engage Estero as well. The investigative work provided financial internships for FGCU students who provided significant input and valuable work experience. *The Greater Estero Virtual Information Center (GEVIC)* will likely be folded into this project.





# Healthcare

The following information has been provided to greater Estero residents over the last 12 months. We hope these articles have been helpful:

- 1. Be mindful of the dangers of the summer heat.
- 2. There is no such thing as a healthy tan.
- 3. Black Mold
- 4. Falls
- 5. Loneliness
- 6. Is seeing the A.P.R.N. or P.A. at your next appointment, OK?
- 7. What's The Largest Organ in Your Body? The Skin.
- 8. The Viral Trifecta is Here. What Should You Do About It?
- 9. What must you do when visiting the doctor/caregiver?
- 10. What you need to know about Atrial Fibrillation or A-fib.







#### **Future Recreation in Estero**

Development of Williams Road Property: During 2023, the Village has been moving towards defining how the 19 acres, including the current golf driving range, will be developed. The goal is to create a Public-Private Partnership with professional recreation vendors to serve our residents and generate revenues for the Village.

The initial presentation sparked significant resident interest in forming citizen focus groups



to review the proposals and ensure a good understanding of the Public-Private Partnership that could emerge. Tony Carangelo, Engage Estero's Chief Research Officer, has led our participation in these meetings. He has been active with several communities (Rapallo, The Brooks, Grandezza, and others) in gathering information on interest and providing guidance on organization and use policies.

The primary interest is developing a major Pickleball facility of ~24 courts split between inside and covered. A critical discussion is underway about the second or third participant in the property development. Will it be a mixed-use High-5 venue with a water feature, or will it maintain a public golf driving range on the remaining property?





# **Workforce Housing**

Engage Estero has been working with Dr. Adam Molloy Lee, School District Director of Planning, Growth, and Capacity, and Prof. Shelton Weeks, FGCU's Professor of Economics and Finance, to encourage Estero Village Council, to implement workforce housing in Estero.

Workforce housing is a term that refers to housing that is affordable and accessible for people who work in a particular field but may not earn enough to buy or rent a home in the same market. Those people include people who earn moderate incomes and work in essential services, such as teachers, firefighters, police officers, health care workers, retail clerks, etc.

Workforce housing is also necessary because it can help reduce commuting costs, traffic congestion, and environmental impacts and benefit residents and their communities. Unlike affordable housing, there is a desperate need to create a way for young professionals such as teachers, healthcare workers, and police and firefighters to live in our community. Without this help, evidence indicates we will lose essential workers for our community.





### Education

In 2023, at Estero High School, 95 Seniors received instruction on Junior Achievement Personal Financial Management over nine sessions by seven volunteers.

#### The Don Eslick Estero Person of the Year Award

Engage Estero announced The Don Eslick Estero Person of the Year Award in December. The inaugural event is scheduled for February 8th, 2024. Jim Shields will be the first recipient. This award honors significant multiyear contributions to improving the quality of life in Estero.



This inaugural event's Award Recipient is Jim Shields. Since 2004, Jim and his wife Lanell have lived in Grandezza in Estero. They moved here from Moscow, Russia. During his career, after the fall of the Iron Curtain, Jim was chosen to lead new business ventures in former Soviet Union Countries for the American Oil Company ("AMOCO") and its successor, London-based British Petroleum.

For the past 19 years, Jim has devoted his talent, his time, and his treasury to helping improve the quality of life in Estero. A consummate advocate for

greater Estero, Jim was a very vocally active Grandezza community Representative for several years, recruited to be a Board member of the ECCL and then Engage Estero. Jim worked closely and tirelessly with his mentor and incredibly good friend, Don Eslick, for several years; Jim served on the FGCU Daveler and Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship Advisory Board and other organizations in greater Estero and beyond.

Jim's self-driven passion was to help improve education in our community with Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. Jim launched the "2-5-8 Graduate Program" in the Esteroarea schools. The Program was designed for team-teaching of students by 135 Estero-area





volunteers well-trained for the classroom setting; these volunteers delivered very well-received JA Programs to over 2,800 elementary, middle, and high school students.

The "Breaking Par at Grandezza" Fundraising Program Jim inaugurated in 2013 has raised \$561,000 in net proceeds for educational programs that also fully supported years of JA's CEO Academy at Daveler & Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship to include funding of scholarships for award-winning students.





# Sponsorship and Donations Made by Engage Estero

Engage Estero played a crucial role in supporting the efforts of **LEAD Estero**. The organization, created by a team of students, represents *Leadership, Enrichment, And Development*. Since forming, they have volunteered at the HOPEN pickleball tournament and Harry Chapin Food Bank and are working with the Zach Martin Memorial Foundation.

Their goal includes partnering with other groups in the community to enrich the educational experience of alluring the 2023 "Breaking Par for LEAD Estero" Golf Tournament and Gala Dinner, supported by Engage Estero at Grandezza, they generated \$106K for funding scholarships, FGCU Endowment, and Entrepreneurship Summer Bootcamp for Estero High School students. Engage Estero was this effort's lead sponsor and donated \$5,000.

Engage Estero was the Prime Sponsor of the **Estero High Schools Football** game held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5,000 was donated for the Jaws vs Claws game held on the grounds of Estero High School, which Estero won, claiming the trophy.

Engage Estero was the premier sponsor of the successful **Veterans Day celebration** at the Estero Community Park on November 11<sup>th,</sup> arranged by The Village of Estero. The event commenced with a patriotic concert performed by Estero's own vocal artist, Lindsey Graham, honoring all veterans, active military personnel, and Goldstar Parents. Over 250 residents attended.

Engage Estero awarded a **\$1,000** scholarship to Estero high-school student Brittany Streitmatter for her essay on The History of Governance in Estero. \$100 was also donated for T-shirts to support the Junior Achievement Inspire program for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at FGCU.

A **\$1,000 donation** was provided to the Estero Rotary's 9<sup>th</sup> annual "Light up Estero" event, which took place on December 2, 2023The festive occasion included holiday music, Santa's arrival, and Christmas tree lighting.



Engage Estero provided an **internship for an FGCU student**, helping improve resident engagement and ease access to complex information using geographic representation.

Please support our Efforts to Build a Better Future for Everyone in Greater Estero





# Engage Estero is extremely grateful to our members who continue to support our work. Thank you!

# **Engage Estero Membership**

Bella Terra Grandezza

Belle Largo Hyatt Coconut Plantation

Bonita Bay Island Club

Breckenridge Lee Health

Cascades at Estero Lighthouse Bay

College of Life Foundation Marsh Landing

Copperleaf Meadowbrook

Corkscrew Woodlands Meadows of Estero

Cypress Bend Resort Pelican Sound

Estero Art League Preserve at Corkscrew

Estero Chamber of Commerce Rapallo

Estero Fire Rescue District Reserve at Estero

Estero Forever Foundation Riverwoods Plantation

Estero High School Rookery Pointe

Estero Historical Society Shadow Wood

Estero River Heights The Club at Grandezza

FineMark Bank The Groves

Florida Gulf Coast University The Vines

Friends of the South County Regional Library West Bay Club

Goede, Adamczyk, DeBoest and Cross Wildcat Run

#### **Cash Basis**

# ESTERO COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, INC. (ENGAGE ESTERO)

## December 2023 - Final

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Op	perations	Cor	ntributions	P	rograms		Total
Revenue								
Member Support	\$	15,730					\$	15,730
Program Revenue					\$	32,200	\$	32,200
Contributions			\$	8,291			\$	8,291
Investment	\$	14	\$	=	\$	-	\$	14
Total Revenue	<u>\$</u>	15,744	\$	8,291	<u>\$</u>	32,200	\$	56,235
Distributions								
Expense	\$	(20,385)	\$	(282)	\$	(27,744)	\$	(48,411)
Scholarships/Awards					\$	(1,000)	\$	(1,000)
Grants issued	<u>\$</u>		\$	(10,100)	\$		\$	(10,100)
Total Distributions	<u>\$</u>	(20,385)	<u>\$</u>	(10,382)	<u>\$</u>	(28,744)	<u>\$</u>	<u>(59,511)</u>
Net Surplus	<u>\$</u>	(4,641)	\$	(2,091)	<u>\$</u>	3,456	\$	(3,276)

## **SOURCE AND USE OF CASH**

Beginning Cash 1/1/2020	\$	138,580
Total Revenue	\$	56,221
Gain ( Loss) Investment	\$	14
Equipment / Fixtures	\$	(1,048)
Other Changes in Assets / Liabilities	\$	(234)
Distributions	<u>\$</u>	(59 <u>,</u> 511 <u>)</u>
Ending Cash	<u>\$</u>	134,022

Cash Basis

# Estero Council of Community Leaders, Inc. (Engage Estero) Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Administration Fund	\$ 68,899	\$ 74,548	\$ (5,649)
Engage Fund	<u>\$ 65,123</u>	<u>\$ 64,032</u>	<u>\$ 1,091</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 134,022	\$ 138,580	\$ (4,558)
Total Current Assets	\$ 134,022	\$ 138,580	\$ (4,558)
Fixed Assets			
Total Equipment	\$ 1,68 <u>9</u>	<u>\$ 641</u>	\$ 1,048
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,68 <u>9</u>	<u>\$ 641</u>	\$ 1,048
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 135,711</u>	<u>\$ 139,221</u>	<u>\$ (3,510)</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ (47)</u>	<u>\$ 187</u>	\$ (234)
Total Liabilities	\$ (47)	\$ 187	\$ (234)
Equity			
Restricted	\$ 484	\$ 484	\$ -
Unrestricted	\$ 138,551	\$ 43,600	\$ 94,951
Net Income	\$ (3,276)	<u>\$ 94,951</u>	<u>\$ (98,227)</u>
Total Equity	\$ 135,758	\$ 139,035	\$ (3,276)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 135,711</u>	<u>\$ 139,221</u>	<u>\$ (3,510)</u>