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## **46 North Florida Organizations Receive Grants from Rayonier**

WILDLIGHT, Fla.—Dec. 11, 2024—Rayonier, a leading timberland real estate investment trust, is pleased to announce the award of \$144,125 in grants to 46 local organizations serving Nassau County and North Florida.

This year's grants, distributed through the Rayonier Community Fund, will support a diverse range of impactful programs, including those focused on education, environmental conservation, cultural enrichment, civic engagement, and health and human services.

"Rayonier is committed to strengthening the communities where we live and work," said Rayonier Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer April Tice. "These organizations are the backbone of Nassau County, providing vital services and enriching the lives of our residents. We are proud to partner with them to support their invaluable work."

To celebrate the honorees, Rayonier hosted its annual awards breakfast at the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center, bringing together grant recipients and local leaders, including County Commissioner Hupp Huppmann, District 2, and County Commissioner Klynt Farmer, District 5. Also in attendance were Property Appraiser-Elect Kevin Lilly, Nassau County School Board member Gail Cook, Sheriff Bill Leeper and the Honorable Judge Jenny Higginbotham, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

"Our community's commitment allows us to further our mission, providing critical support and mentorship to underserved children in Nassau County," noted Robin Lentz, Executive Director of Take Stock in Children. "This grant from the Rayonier

Community Fund will be instrumental in providing four-year university scholarships, opening doors to higher education for those who need it most."

The following organizations received support through the Rayonier Community Fund this year:

Amelia Island Book Festival	Nassau County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management
Amelia Island Museum of History	Nassau Education Foundation
American Heart Association	Nassau Habitat for Humanity
Arts Alive Nassau	National Pediatric Cancer Foundation
Barnabas Center Inc.	Navy Seal Foundation
Blue Fire Theater	Northeast Florida Fair Association
Boys & Girls Clubs on Nassau County	School Board of Nassau County - All Pro Dads
Boy Scouts of America, North Florida Council	St. Marys Riverkeeper
CJordan Community Outreach, Inc.	Take Stock in Children of Nassau County
Community Hospice & Palliative Care	The Arc Nassau
Elm Street Sportsman Association	The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society No FL Chapter
Families in Transition Program courtesy of the Nassau County School Board	The Salvation Army Hope House
Fernandina Beach High School Foundation	The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation
Flagler County Fire Rescue	Three Rivers Legal Services
Florida Forestry Foundation	Traders Hill Farm
Florida Forest Service (Friends of Florida State Forests)	University of Florida Foundation
Institute for Enterprise Inc.	Veterans Council of Nassau County
Jacksonville Arboretum and Botanical Gardens	VFW Post 10095 Auxiliary via Blank Check Society
Keep Nassau Beautiful	West Nassau Historical Society
Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival	YMCA of Florida's First Coast - McArthur Center
Micah's Place, Inc.	YMCA of Florida's First Coast - Wildlight Center
Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc.	
Nassau County Extension UF/IFAS Extension	
Nassau County School District	
Nassau County Sheriff's Office Charities	

### **About Rayonier**

Rayonier (NYSE:RYN) is a leading timberland real estate investment trust with assets located in some of the most productive softwood timber growing regions in the United States and New Zealand. We own or lease under long-term agreements approximately 2.7 million acres of timberlands. We are **More than trees** because we recognize that our 90+ years of success in the timberland industry comes from our people, an empowering culture and the courage to constantly challenge "the way it's always been done." Get to know us at [www.rayonier.com](http://www.rayonier.com).

## Photo Captions

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1. Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor present a grant to Thea Seagraves of the Amelia Island Museum of History.
2. Barnabas Center's Jamie Reynolds and Tammy Johnson receive a grant from Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Jonathan Simpson, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor.
3. Nassau Education Foundation's Susan DeVane, Gail Cook and Kevin Lilly receive a grant from Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Jonathan Boswell, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor.
4. Tammy Johnson and Gail Cook of the Nassau County School District receive a grant from Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor from Rayonier.
5. Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor from Rayonier present a grant to Robin Lentz and Regina Lee of Take Stock in Children Nassau County.
6. Tracy Nazzaro of Traders Hill Farm receives a grant from Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor.
7. Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh and Kim Sartor award a grant to Mike Doran of the Veterans Council of Nassau County.
8. Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh, Kim Sartor and Bill Tan present a grant to Eric Hernandez and Cezar Gonzalez for the YMCA - McArthur Center.
9. Janice Ancrum of the Nassau County Council on Aging receives a grant from Rayonier representatives Wes Hinton, Mark McHugh, Mark Bridwell and Kim Sartor.