

# 2023 Impact Report

Interfaith Charities of South Lee Inc.

Greater Estero Chamber of Commerce "2023 Non-Profit of the Year"

Providing hope and help  
for those in need in South  
Fort Myers, Estero,  
and San Carlos Park



More  
than  
a food  
pantry



# From the president

Dear Friends,

There is so much to celebrate about 2023! Despite challenges stemming from Ian's impact and the nation's highest inflation rate, together we continued our mission to feed the hungry and provide hope and help for our neighbors in need. The remarkable achievements of this organization are a tribute to everyone involved--thank you all!

At the start of 2023, we achieved a major milestone with the opening of our new Outreach Center. For the first time since the COVID shutdown, we were able to reinstate much needed programs to our community like the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). ICSL volunteers prepared \$940K in tax refunds for 789 local families, empowering them with financial resources. Additionally, the "Summer BreakSpot" offered local children nutritious lunches during the summer, along with engaging activities to nurture and challenge young minds.

I am pleased to share the 2023 Impact Report showcasing our collective efforts. These successes represent how staff, donors, volunteers, and partners come together to touch the lives of so many people.

It is because of YOU... your financial support, dedication and thousands of hours of sweat equity that we are able to continue with our mission every day. Thank you for your unwavering support.

Our future is bright, because together we make good things happen!

**Lisa Wilkes**

President - Board of Directors



**Jan 2023**

Outreach Center  
Opens

# Who we are

## Interfaith Charities of South Lee (ICSL)

**Our Mission:**  
**To feed the hungry and provide hope and help for those in need**

ICSL is committed to serving the residents of South Fort Myers, Estero, and San Carlos Park. The food pantry, providing healthy food options, is our main program. Dry goods and perishables are donated by local merchants, HOAs, church food drives, and individuals. ICSL also receives food from the Harry Chapin Food Bank, and Midwest Food Bank. Grants from United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades and other community foundations fund our financial assistance program that pays utility bills, rents and mortgages for clients.

**I****Impassioned**

We are a diverse group of impassioned donors, volunteers and staff committed to helping those in need.

**C****Community**

Our service area is our community. We do not wait for someone else to affect change. We find a way.

**S****Service**

Service is a mindset. We seek to live it and inspire others to do the same.

**L****Love**

We strive to have love at the very core of everything we do. . .our guiding principal. . .to be love in action. We hope it is catching!



402

↑ 101%

Christmas food boxes distributed

\$68K

to help pay rent, water and electric bills

# Community Impact

## Client Services

The Client Services reflected on this page are available to registered households south of Gladiolus Road and north of Coconut Point. Donations of every size, whether cash or in-kind, or that most valuable commodity of time, add up to make a big difference to our neighbors in need, especially those that are food insecure. We are pleased to report these highlights of our collective efforts.

We could not have accomplished these increases without people like you!

207

↑ 73%

school backpacks distributed

203

↑ 33%

Thanksgiving food boxes distributed

1.2 M

pounds of food collected and distributed

Or an average of the weight of

4 - 5 Ford F-150 Trucks per week!

1293

Households Served

3510

Individuals Served

↑ 14%





82

children served in  
Summer BreakSpot  
free summer lunch  
program



# Community Impact

## Community Services

In January of 2023, the doors opened at our new Outreach Center in San Carlos Park. For the first time since the COVID shut down, we were able to resume our Community Services thanks to the hard work and generosity of our donors, volunteers, United Way, and a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). We celebrate this accomplishment and look forward to growing our programs to fill the changing needs of our community.

We are, indeed,  
*more than a food pantry.*



**\$129 K**

**in Hurricane Ian  
Relief Grants from**

- Accel Foundation
- Copperleaf Charitable Foundation Inc
- Florida Blue--Guidewell Group
- Leslie L Alexander Foundation
- Simply Healthcare
- United Way Lee, Hendry & Glades
- West Bay Community Charitable Foundation Inc

**made it possible for  
67  
households to  
receive assistance**



**\$940K**

in refunds from  
789 returns prepared  
by IRS trained  
volunteers as part of  
the IRS's Volunteer  
Income Tax Assistance  
Program for  
households making  
less than \$70K per  
year.

# Thank You

## Grantors

On behalf of the individuals and families we serve, ICSL offers a heartfelt thanks to the following grantors. You are a big part of what enables us to be able to help our neighbors in need. We are so grateful!

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) -- Community Outreach Center

Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation -- Client financial assistance, healthy food, school supplies, program support

United Way of Lee, Henry and Glades -- Client financial assistance, program support

Spring Run Charitable Foundation -- Client financial assistance

Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation -- Children's library

Copperleaf Charitable Foundation -- Children's programs, hygiene supplies

Riverwoods Plantation -- Client program support

West Bay Charitable Foundation -- Hygiene supplies

## Donors of 1,000 pounds of food or more

Most of the 1.2 M pounds of food ICSL distributed was donated. We could not accomplish our mission without the combined support of our many donors.

Aldi  
Breckenridge Association  
Cascades Men's & Women's Clubs  
Chick-fil-A  
Costco Wholesale Corporation  
Estero Church  
Estero Country Club at the Vines  
Estero High School  
Estero Post Office Letter Carriers  
Harry Chapin Foodbank of SWFL Inc.  
Johnston, Jay & Joyce  
Krawczyk, Ron & Chris  
Lamb of God Church  
Lopez, Rosa

Mediterra Community  
Midwest Food Bank  
Pelican Sound Golf & River Club  
Publix  
Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
Rotary Club of Estero  
Sprouts Farmers Market  
Summit Church  
Target Super Store Gulf Coast Town Ctr.  
Thrive Community Church  
Tidewater  
Villages at Country Creek  
Walmart  
Wawa



# Thank You

No matter whether you sponsor our Annual Dinner, make monthly contributions, or choose another way to donate, it all adds up to being able to provide healthy food options and other vital services to those in need. We appreciate your generosity!

## \$10,000 - \$14,999

Ron & Linda Charapp  
Rotary Club of Estero  
W.E. Cross Charitable  
Foundation Inc.

## \$5,000 - \$9,999

Robert & Michelle Baker  
David and Sally Batanian  
Estate of Phyllis Harvey  
Mike & Jan Johnson  
Don & Bonnie Olson  
Nulman Mediation  
Summit Church

## \$2,500 - \$4,999

Breckenridge Association  
Cascades Community  
Mary Cough  
Roy & Be Engler  
Greg Fortune  
Walter Lennox  
Susan Nicoletti  
O'Donnell Landscapes, Inc.  
Scott & Kasha Puettmann  
Quality Cabinets & Counters  
Nancy & Robert Rheel  
David Smith  
Mike & Lisa Wilkes

## \$1,000 - \$2,499

John Aker  
Victor & Joanne Apa  
Warren Asch & Mary Glennon  
Bethany Bohall  
Nancy Carr Brent  
Jim & Sue Brunco  
James & Christine Burgess  
Greg & Debi Devou  
Estero Church  
Estero Forever Foundation  
James Frost  
Michele & Tim Harrington  
John Jacobsen  
Pat & Bill LaMarra  
Eric Langlee  
Jan Miller-Freyburgher  
Pam & Jim Nulman  
Kristin O'Donnell  
Ocean Church  
Wayne & Laurye Omelia  
Scott & Cynthia Peart  
Reese Family Charitable  
Foundation  
Carol & Roger Roberts  
Bob Roth  
Joy St. Laurent  
Martha Taylor  
Terraverde Social Club  
The Northern Trust Company  
Jo Ann Van Degrieff  
Dave & Joyce Van Horne

## \$500 - \$999

Gregory Bonnell  
Louis & Barbara Bottitta  
Janet Brendis  
Joe Brock  
Loran & Tony Brodniak  
Brandi & Dale Colberg  
Bill Cuthbertson  
William Dasbach  
Fred Derbaum  
Barbara Dunlap  
Rondell Estes  
Family Church at Woodsmoke  
Don Forsythe  
Michael Gluhanich  
Janis Greene  
Leonard & Jeanne Hendrickson  
Paula & Ernest Huber  
Pamela & Kevin Hurd  
John & Karen Iannucci  
Donald & Ruth Keck  
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Thomas & Sandra Lea  
Steven & Cheryl McFadden  
Maggie McMorrow  
Zoran Pavichevich  
Pella Rolscreen Foundation  
Harold & Lynne Portnoy  
Rich & Barb Resler  
Ditmar Schleicher  
State Insurance USA  
John & Chris Staub  
David & Noreen Thomas  
United Way Suncoast  
Frank & Jerilynn Wikander  
George & Sandy Wondolowski

# 326

generous donors  
gave their support  
in 2023

# 135

donors made a  
gift to ICSL  
for the first time in  
2023

# Partner Agencies

ICSL is honored to collaborate with various area agencies. This cooperation between the agencies benefits the community to ensure service gaps are closed, services are not duplicated and the community's donations and volunteer efforts are maximized!

Bottom line. . .we are better together!



**Harry Chapin Food Bank**  
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



**Midwest**  
FOOD BANK®



**MyACCESS**

Assistance is provided to register or recertify on the Florida DCF ACCESS website for SNAP (formerly food stamps) and Medicaid.

## St. Vincent de Paul of Estero

Together we work to provide financial assistance to those who have fallen behind in mortgage/rent, water or electric bills.

## New Horizons of SW Florida

This UW Partner Agency's mission is to equip K-12 children across the area with the tools to succeed in school and life. ICSL was able to provide New Horizons with administrative office space at our Outreach Center during 2023.

**United Way of Lee, Henry, and Glades**



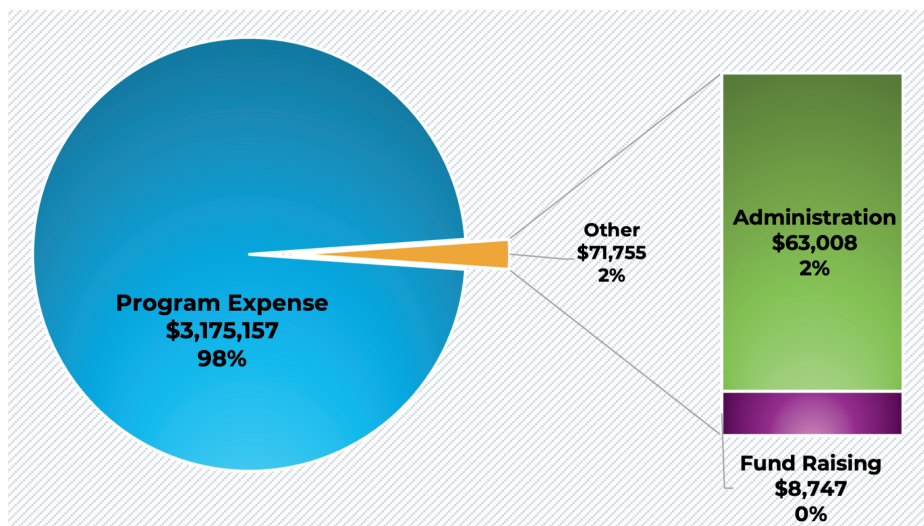
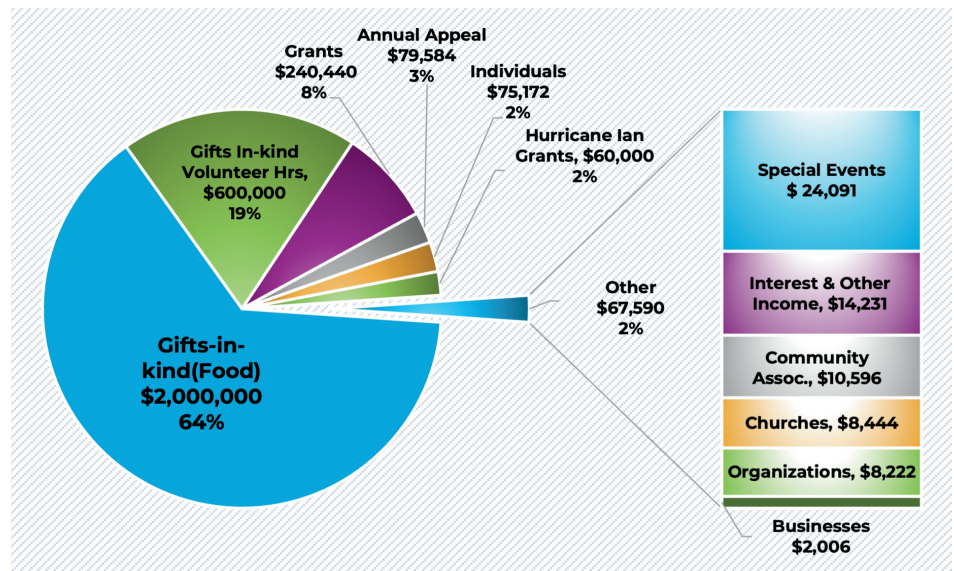
ICSL is a United Way House. UW houses are centralized locations where individuals and families can receive wrap-around social services from multiple community organizations.



# Financials

We are committed to financial transparency and accountability and are pleased to report another year of strong support from our community. The information below is based on our 2023 audited financial statements.

**2023 Revenue**  
**\$3,122,786**



**2023 Expense**  
**\$3,246,912**

Net result from Operations	\$ 4,509
Hurricane Ian Grants distributed	(128,635)
Change in Net Assets	(\$124,126)

**2%**

**Total  
Administrative  
Expense**

# Our team



## Nancy Martin

Executive Director  
nancy@icslee.org  
22 years of Service



## Lisa Swanson

Pantry Operations and  
Volunteer Manager  
lswan@icslee.org  
NEW in 2024



## Rafaela Lopez

Pantry Supervisor  
10 years of service



## Keli Akers

Client Service Admin.  
keli@icslee.org  
5 years of service



## Mark Sansone

Donation Delivery and  
Pantry Assistant  
1st year of service

## 2023

### Board of Directors

Lisa Wilkes  
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Loran Eberle-Brodniak

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Nancy Rheel

Joyce Van Horne

Jane Woolbert



**528**  
**Volunteers**

# Volunteers

**21,256**  
**hours**  
**donated**

Its true. . .

Volunteers weigh food, pack the bags, pick up donations, greet, register and check-in the clients. Volunteers stock the shelves, and take out the trash. Volunteers prepare taxes and serve on the Board. They donate and encourage others to donate.

Volunteers listen, they connect, they care.

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*"Volunteers are love in motion." –Author Unknown*

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Our Volunteers are the **HEART** of ICSL!

Volunteer today: [www.icslee.org/volunteer](http://www.icslee.org/volunteer),  
or contact Lisa Swanson at 239-267-3510.



**\$600 K**  
**value**







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Interfaith Charities of South Lee is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit corporation registered pursuant to Chapter 496, Section 496.405 of the Florida Statutes. A copy of the official registration (CH31) and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (1-800-435-7352) within the state or from its website at [fdacs.gov/ConsumerServices](https://fdacs.gov/ConsumerServices). Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.  
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 **239-267-3510**

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**Outreach Center: 18011 S Tamiami Trl, Suite 28, Ft Myers, FL 33908**

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