Englewood Beach WaterFest Distributes 2018 Grants To Southwest Florida Charitable Organizations

WaterFest continues its commitment to provide grants to organizations that foster the protection of our water and marine life and encourage the recreational use of our water resources

Englewood, Florida January 15, 2019 - Englewood Beach WaterFest, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is pleased to announce that Grants have been awarded to the following six (6) Charitable Organizations in our local area of Southwest Florida. These Grants were distributed to Charitable Organizations that foster the protection of our water and marine life, and encourage the recreational use of our water resources.

Barrier Island Parks Society Englewood Sailing Association Lemon Bay Conservancy Lemon Bay High School Marine Conservation Club Peace River Wildlife Center Suncoast Reef Rovers

Steve Schroeder, President of Englewood Beach WaterFest 2018, Inc. states, "We are extremely pleased that we have positioned WaterFest as a premier event in Southwest Florida to draw people from all over the United States. Despite a very difficult year with Red Tide, we were able to have a world-class event drawing thousands of people to our events, spurring a 5.9 million dollar revenue impact for our business community. The proceeds from WaterFest 2018 will be used locally to aid in the protection and responsible use of our waterways. We are excited about this continued commitment to local charitable organizations who can best use the monies to protect our regions unique water resources, and encourage their recreational and responsible use of our waterways. This commitment will go far to foster the overall preservation of those resources today, tomorrow and forever.

Englewood Beach WaterFest holds a multi-day, all-ages entertainment event featuring World Championship Offshore (OPA) Power Boat Races, Stand-up Paddleboard Races, Marine Education and Conservation Exhibits, entertainment, food and fun. The proceeds from the event are distributed to local charities that support conservation of our water resources. The Family Conservation Center presented by State Farm, was a cornerstone and a highly attended interactive exhibition at WaterFest 2018. This venue of interactive and educational displays and exhibits, focused on water and marine life conservation. The Family Conservation Center exemplified the commitment that Englewood Beach WaterFest has to conservation and our environment.

We are excited about the events and exhibits we are already planning for WaterFest 2019, and expect this years attendance, and positive financial impact, to rival 2018's numbers.

About Englewood Beach WaterFest, Inc.

Englewood Beach Waterfest, as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, is committed to donating our proceeds to deserving organizations that foster the protection of our water and marine life, and encourage the recreational use of our water resources. We do this by hosting an all-ages entertainment event showcasing water recreation and conservation activities.

To learn more about the Englewood Beach WaterFest, visit <u>http://www.englewoodbeachwaterfest.com</u>