

The Healthy Earth Org

EMPOWER

Empowering Young People by Providing Accessible Avenues to Contribute to Southwest Florida's Community



Fiscal Year Jan - Dec 2024

We're here to empower youth to take
meaningful action and make a difference
throughout Southwest Florida.

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This Annual Report reflects activities from
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.





2024 has been a year of incredible growth and impact for The Healthy Earth Organization. Together, we have expanded our reach, strengthened our programs, and deepened our commitment to creating sustainable, thriving communities.

A cornerstone of our work this year has been our community garden initiatives, which have significantly expanded food access in our region. Through hands-on gardening activities, educational workshops, and collaborations with local partners, we have provided fresh, sustainable produce to families in need while fostering a deeper sense of community and environmental stewardship. These gardens have become vibrant spaces where individuals connect, learn, and grow—both literally and figuratively.

Equally inspiring is our Art Debris Program, which transforms coastal debris into powerful works of art. These creations, displayed in high-profile locations, have sparked crucial conversations about conservation and the importance of reducing litter in our ecosystems. By turning trash into beauty, we're not only cleaning our coasts but also inspiring action and awareness about environmental protection.

These achievements, along with so many others, have been made possible through the unwavering support of our volunteers, donors, and partners. You are the driving force behind our mission, and your dedication fuels our vision for a healthier SWFL.

As we reflect on this year's successes and look toward the future, I am filled with immense gratitude and optimism. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for standing with us as we continue to make a difference. Together, we are building a sustainable, thriving Southwest Florida region for generations to come.

With heartfelt thanks,

Falon Tabares
CEO of The Healthy Earth Org





Imagine a community where neighbors come together not only to rebuild after storms but to create a stronger, more resilient future. This spirit of unity and action has defined The Healthy Earth Organization's work in 2024.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Milton, our Post-Hurricane Beach Cleanups became a powerful demonstration of what can be achieved when we join forces. We witnessed more volunteers than ever before stepping up to remove debris and restore our beloved beaches. From small plastics to water heaters lodged in vegetation, every item cleared was a step toward healing our coasts and protecting wildlife. These cleanups have not only improved our environment but also strengthened the bonds within our community.

Meanwhile, our community garden initiatives continue to thrive, providing fresh, sustainable food to families in need and teaching the next generation about the importance of environmental stewardship. These gardens are living examples of hope and resilience, empowering individuals and strengthening communities through the simple yet profound act of growing food together.

These accomplishments are a testament to the incredible dedication of our team, the generosity of our partners and donors, and the passion of our volunteers. Your support is the foundation of our success, and your belief in our mission inspires us to aim even higher.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am filled with gratitude and optimism for the future we are building together. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to creating a healthier, more sustainable SWFL.

With appreciation,

John Harold
Chair, Board of Directors



OUR WORK



Community Gardens



Beach Cleanups



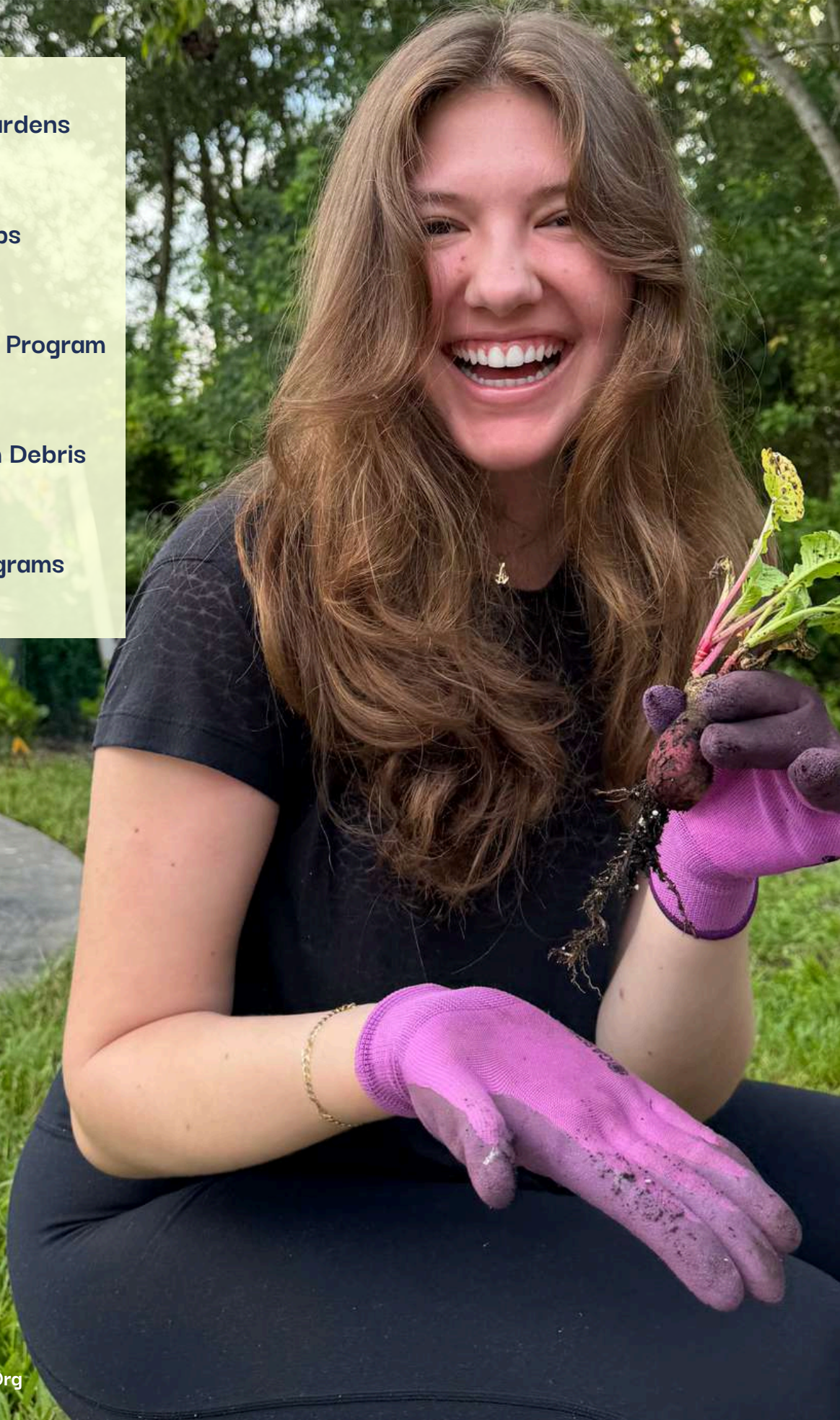
Early Learning Program



Art Made from Debris



Volunteer Programs





Community Gardens



In 2024, we established two new community gardens and maintained 14 early learning center gardens; throughout Southwest Florida. These gardens provided fresh food to both community members in need and students participating in our early learning programs, facilitated through our community partnerships.



Beach Cleanups



In 2024, we collaborated with 641 volunteers to remove 2,192 pounds of coastal marine debris from beaches across Southwest Florida. In 2025, we plan to repurpose most of this debris for our art installations, aiming to raise awareness about the impacts of Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Milton, and regular debris on our coastlines.



In 2024, we engaged 103 volunteers to enhance the education of 902 young students through our nature-based early learning program. This initiative aims to cultivate environmental stewardship among students by integrating STEM activities into their learning experiences



In 2024, we stored 400+ pounds of the coastal marine debris. We meticulously sorted the materials in preparation for our inaugural art debris installation, a collaborative project with Professor Steve Hughart II and his students at Florida Gulf Coast University's Bowers School of Music & Art.





SNAPSHOTS



Attend Events

visit our website to view upcoming events



Coordinate Team Volunteer Day

reach out to info@thehealthyearth.org



Donate

any amount helps us continue our mission



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visit:
target.com/gift-registry/gift/the-healthy-earth



Become a Committee Member

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE



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We will be adding hydroponic indoor gardens to each classroom we work with.



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We want to create the largest hydroponic community garden in Southwest Florida!

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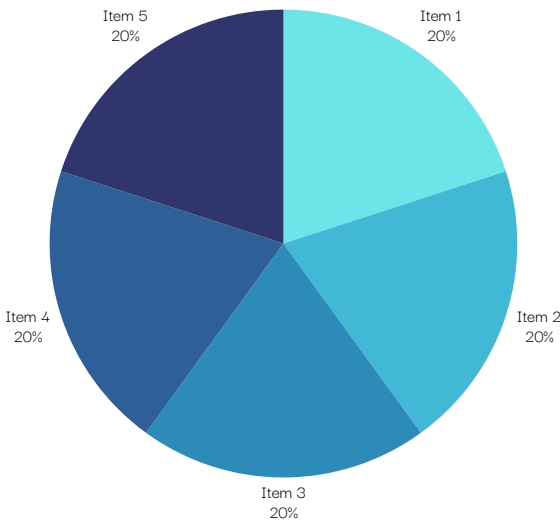
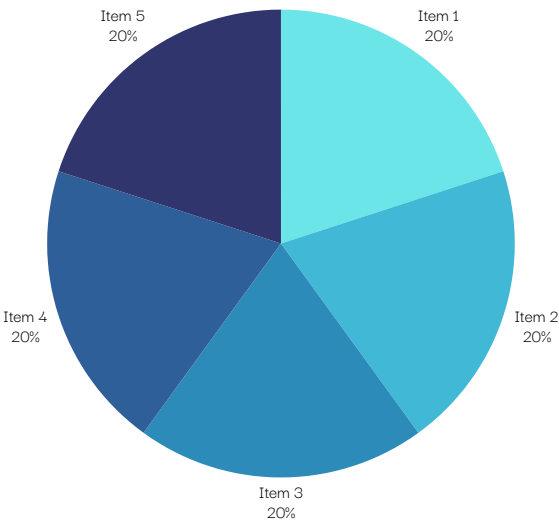
In mid-2025, our first Art Debris Installation will be completed and showcased in a prominent location to promote better environmental stewardship within our community. We are excited to expand this program, creating additional art pieces to be displayed in hotels throughout Southwest Florida. These installations will serve as a meaningful way to educate tourists on the importance of retrieving all the items they bring to the beach, helping to preserve our natural spaces.

2024 SUPPORTERS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS







John Harold
Board Chair



Krissy Delashmet- Yanis
Vice Chair



Naomi Suarez
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