



**EXECUTIVE WOMEN**  
of the Palm Beaches Foundation  
EST. 1982

# 2022-2023 Impact Report

## A Message From Our President

Connecting and giving back to women and girls in our community are at the heart of everything we do at Executive Women of the Palm Beaches. With four decades of providing meaningful programming, providing scholarships to female students attending our local colleges, universities, and vocational schools and assisting local nonprofits, EWPBF gives members and the community access to the leaders across Palm Beach County from a variety of sectors.



By leveraging the talents and resources of our members in the public, private, government, and philanthropic sectors, we provide unique programs including our annual Women in Leadership Awards (WILA) luncheon where we recognize local female leaders, to our new “Seat At the Table” members only program. By combining the passion and commitment of members, donors, advisors, and community leaders, we are creating sustainable pathways for women to succeed and lead.

I invite you to learn more about our work, our partners, and our programs through our this 40th Anniversary Impact Report. Thank you for your consideration in assisting us in building the next generation of women leaders in our community.

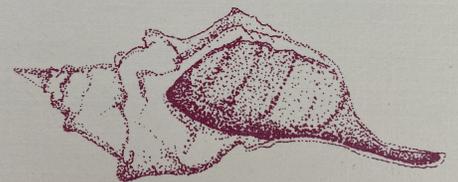
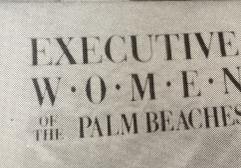
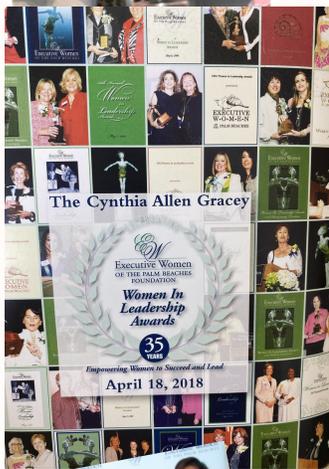
Best Regards,  
Katie Klause Newitt  
2022-2024 President



Outreach event at Milagro Center  
2021 Kwasman Grant Recipient

# 40 Years of Success

Cynthia Allen Gracey founded the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches in 1982, an organization dedicated to empowering women to succeed and lead in the workplace and their community. At the time, it was the only organization dedicated to working executive women. Over 40 years later, our members are carrying on the work that Cynthia envisioned.



# 2023 Women in Leadership Awards Luncheon (WILA)

The highly distinguished Cynthia Allen Gracey Women in Leadership Awards (WILA) is the premier recognition program in Palm Beach County, honoring local women who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and displayed generosity of spirit, commitment to integrity and diversity, and genuine connection with others in the community.

The 2023 luncheon at the Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion honored six local women leaders Robi Jurney, Barbara McQuinn, Barbara Cheives, Sophia Eccleston, Charlotte Pelton and Megan Bob.

Marti LaTour served as the Honorary Chair and Vicki Pugh served as Chair.



# Executive Women of the Palm Beaches by the numbers



**Board Directed  
Reserve Funds  
of \$85,000**



**FY 2023  
Revenues  
\$167,596**

**105  
Total  
Members**

**One Million Dollars  
given in  
college scholarships  
and grants over 40 years**



**\$18,500  
in scholarships  
awarded in  
2023**

**\$5,000  
Kwasman Grant  
Awarded to  
"Girls on the Run"**

**The Endowed  
Scholarship  
Program has  
been in  
existence for  
over 14 years !**

## Thank you

**Sponsors, donors and members for your continued support!**

# The EW 1982 Society

The **EW 1982 Society**, homage to the year EWPB was founded, was formed to support the legacy of the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation. The **EW 1982 Society** was established in 2023 when 14 founding members came together to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the organization.

The goal is to support EWPBF's operational needs and the future growth, while ensuring it's sustainability to serve its mission of helping women succeed and lead. To the Society, members are asked to make an annual gift of \$1,000. Members will be recognized in all materials, at all EWPBF events, and on the EWPBF website.

For more information, contact Amy Brand@abrand@philanthropytank.org

## Founding Society Members

Dr. Emma Banks

Amy Brand

Dari Bowman

Jessica Cecere

Trudy Crowetz

Michele Gurto

Elizabeth Hamma

Deborah Jaffe

Monica Manolas

Katie Klause Newitt

Charlotte Pelton

Vicki Pugh

Virginia Spencer

Trixy Walker



# Mission:

## Empowering women to succeed and lead.

### 2023-2024 Board of Directors

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Cynthia Jackson

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Elizabeth Hamma

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Cindy Pollack

Julie Swindler



## Past Presidents

#### Front row:

Amy Brand (2021-2022), Trudy Crowetz (2020-2021),  
Charlotte Pelton (2014-2015), Barbara Allan (1989-1990),  
Virginia Spencer (2009-2010), Deborah Jaffe (2008-2009)

#### Back row:

Denise Valz (2017-2019), Pam Payne (2005-2006),  
Minx Boren (2013-2014), Julie Noble (1984-1985),  
Trixy Walker (2019-2020), Michele Gurto (2001-2002),  
Cynthia Jackson (2000-2001), Katie Klause Newitt  
(2022-2024)

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