



Everglades Foundation

The Road Ahead...

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Courtesy: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Paved on a foundation of progress and milestones

Laura Jordan is a very special friend of the Everglades. She is 80, living in Sebastian, Florida on a fixed income.

As often as possible, Mrs. Jordan sends a check to the Everglades Foundation “never less than \$10,” she says proudly. Sometimes she sends as much as \$25.

You can’t help but be humbled by Mrs. Jordan, a woman whose love for the Everglades and its wildlife is boundless.

Mrs. Jordan (see her story on page 17) is an inspiration to all of us who believe in the importance of restoring America’s Everglades. Without Mrs. Jordan and countless others like her, the Everglades Foundation and its partners would not have the financial resources to provide needed science, education, legal, communications and public policy support to continue the ongoing effort of protecting and restoring America’s Everglades.

As the economy continued to struggle during 2010, Everglades restoration took on a new meaning – jobs. An economics

study, done by Mather Economics for the Everglades Foundation, found that more than 400,000 jobs could be created over the next several decades as a direct result of restoring the Everglades. “The entire economy of South Florida is tied to the fate of the Everglades,” says Kirk Fordham, CEO of the Everglades Foundation.

Gene Eichelberger, a project manager for Palm Beach Grading, Inc., has been working on building containment ponds that will improve the quality of water in the Everglades. His company and crew value the work.

“Look, the economy is terrible. But this job has helped sustain our company, as well as some local folks and local vendors for more than a year,” said Eichelberger (see his story on page 10).

One of the most important aspects of the Everglades Foundation is the effort to remind federal and Florida political leaders that investing in the Everglades restoration offers a solid economic return that voters want.

Continued

Throughout 2010, the Foundation and its partners met with political leaders, presented them with solid facts about the long-term economic benefits of restoration, and took many on fact-finding missions so they could have a first-hand experience with the Everglades.

In November 2010, Florida elected a new governor and the Everglades Foundation was among the first to meet with Governor Rick Scott and present a case for the economic importance of Everglades restoration.

The work of the Foundation has evolved from one of planning and design to a point where major projects are finally getting underway – progress that must be protected and continued.



Nearly two-thirds of Florida voters said in a Tarrance Group poll that restoring the Everglades is “extremely important” or “very important” to them personally.

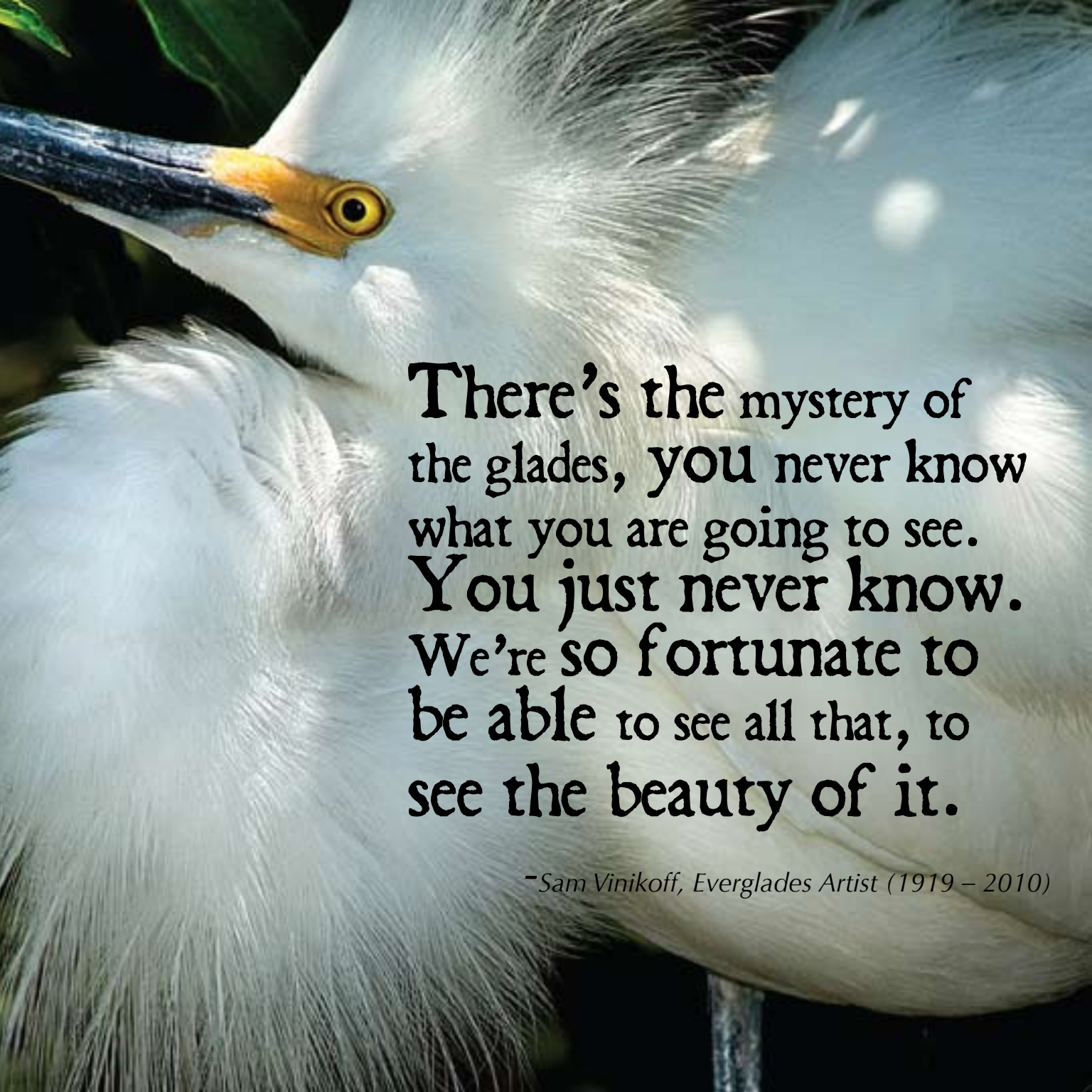
This should come as no surprise to anyone. After all, one in three Floridians depend directly on the Everglades for their daily supply of fresh water. Whether it is their drinking water or water to fill their swimming pools, irrigate their lawns or wash their cars, more than six million residents could not survive without this source of water.

Floridians also know Everglades restoration is good for business. Continuing work to restore the Everglades is, and will be for decades, an economic driver that creates jobs, enhances property values, boosts tourism, and helps accommodate future population growth.

We have accomplished much, however we still have much to do. We need your support to ensure that the gains we have made are not lost.

Mrs. Jordan is counting on us and the Everglades Foundation is counting on you.





**There's the mystery of
the glades, you never know
what you are going to see.
You just never know.
We're so fortunate to
be able to see all that, to
see the beauty of it.**

-Sam Vinikoff, Everglades Artist (1919 – 2010)

Everglades Restoration Projects Advance

As we entered a new decade, the Everglades Foundation saw significant progress on construction projects that restore the Everglades, turning hopes and dreams into reality. The Foundation's science team is an integral part of the planning and coordination that moves these projects forward. Our advocacy efforts play a significant role in getting these projects funded.

Major Advances in 2010

1) Kissimmee River

The Kissimmee River Restoration project is an Everglades restoration dream coming true. The canal dug to straighten and drain the Kissimmee River is being filled in, and the river restored. In the restored sections, bass and sunfish are abundant and wading bird populations are double what scientists expected.

2) Land Acquisition

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) purchased 26,800 acres of land from U.S. Sugar Corp in 2010. This land is part of a blueprint to remove pollutants from water flowing into the River of Grass. The SFWMD also secured an option to purchase the additional land necessary to restore our estuaries and the Everglades.

3) Site 1 Impoundment

The Site 1 Impoundment Project also broke ground in 2010. Located adjacent to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, this reservoir will capture water currently flushed to the Atlantic Ocean, use it for water supply, and reduce the amount of water tapped from the Refuge.

4) Picayune Strand

This sprawling 55,000-acre proposed housing development failed, however not before hundreds of miles of roads and canals were built, turning this lush Florida wetland into a wasteland. Water managers are turning back the clock by ripping up the roads, filling in the canals, and building pump stations to restore the flow of water. The result - Florida Panthers have returned.

5) Tamiami Trail Bridging

Construction crews got started building a one-mile bridge on Tamiami Trail, allowing water to more naturally flow into Everglades National Park. In May, at the Foundation's Washington Summit, the Department of Interior announced plans for an additional 5.5 miles of bridges.

6) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

The waters near Biscayne National Park should be healthier, thanks to a project that takes water from canals and puts it back into coastal creeks, the way it used to flow.

7) C-111 Spreader Canal

In 2010, the first phase in a project to restore Florida Bay was launched when construction began on features designed to stop the hemorrhage of water from Everglades National Park. When completed, we will see more freshwater at the right places in Florida Bay, increasing game fish abundance and improving conditions for spoonbills and other wading birds.



Restoration Projects

1. Kissimmee River Restoration
2. U.S. Sugar Land Acquisition
3. Site 1 Impoundment
4. Picayune Strand
5. Tamiami Trail one-mile Bridge
6. Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands
7. C-111 Spreader Canal

America's Everglades Summit

One of the most successful efforts of the Foundation in 2010 was our first America's Everglades Summit in Washington, D.C., featuring former NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw.

More than 300 participants enjoyed a barbeque and the blues and rock-infused music of Blues Traveler to celebrate the work that has been done to date to help restore America's Everglades.

The most exciting moment came when Thomas Strickland, assistant secretary for the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, announced support for building an additional 5.5 miles of bridges along the Tamiami Trail - a major step forward in restoring America's Everglades.

Brokaw hosted a discussion on the challenges facing Everglades restoration at the Newseum. Top leaders from the Obama and Crist administrations joined Foundation board chair, Paul Tudor Jones II and, Senior Scientist Tom Van Lent in mapping out recent progress on restoration projects and the need to maintain a strong partnership between state and federal governments.

Senior officials from Tallahassee and Washington agreed on the need for additional land acquisition in the Everglades Agricultural Area for water storage and pollution removal in filtration marshes to be built on former sugar cane and citrus farms. There also was widespread agreement that the federal government considered the restoration of the Everglades as a necessity to protect the future ecological and economic health of one of the nation's fastest-growing states.



Tom Brokaw and Paul Tudor Jones II

More than 150 attendees participated in Everglades Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill, kicked off with a panel discussion with U.S. Representatives Adam Putnam (R-FL), Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL), Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Ted Deutch (D-FL), and other members of the Florida's Congressional Delegation. U.S. Senators Bill Nelson (D-FL), George LeMieux (R-FL) and Mark Udall (D-CO) all emphasized their commitment to working on a bi-partisan basis to keep restoration a top federal priority.

Summit attendees met with key lawmakers to seek support for Everglades restoration funding and to urge recognition of the Everglades as a national treasure with an important role in sustaining Florida's economy.

Summit attendees left Washington with the understanding that there is considerable support for restoring America's Everglades and a continuing need to reach out to Congress and federal agencies to keep that support strong.

84%

of Florida voters say the Everglades is a “very important” source for fresh drinking water

65%

say restoring the Everglades is extremely or very important to them personally

79%

are more likely to support funding for Everglades restoration to attract new businesses and industries that create jobs and strengthen the economy

81%

agree that Florida needs to manage new development to protect our rivers, lakes, streams and beaches from pollution

Survey done for Everglades Foundation by The Tarrance Group.

“Our best estimate is that restoration will generate an increase in economic welfare of approximately **\$46.5 billion**”

“Everglades restoration will also have an incremental impact on employment of about **442,000** additional workers...”

“In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates there will be **22,000 jobs*** created as a result of the actual restoration projects”

*short-to-mid-term
Everglades Foundation economic study by Mather Economics

Jobs in the “hardest of hard times”

On January 14, 2010, a crew from Palm Beach Grading, Inc., began constructing three large containment ponds on 660 acres at the edge of the Everglades, ten miles west of Florida City.

When that \$11 million project is complete, those ponds will prevent water from farming areas to the north from flowing directly into Florida Bay, raising the ground water level and encouraging the rebirth of sawgrass marshes and wading bird nesting sites.

“This project has created jobs for people for more than a year in the hardest of hard times,” says Gene Eichelberger, project manager for the Stuart company. “And 22 of those jobs went to locals from Miami, Kendall, Homestead and Florida City. Plus, you’ll have a maintenance crew from the

South Florida Water Management District there, operating the pumps and all that goes with them, and that will be ongoing work.”

The work is nearly done.

“Look,” Eichelberger says, “the economy is terrible. But this job has helped sustain our company, as well as some local folks and local vendors for more than year. We got to be friends with many of the locals who helped us out, just because we’re helping them. And we’re saving an environment that everyone’s been destroying for the last 100 years or so.”

“We’re doing something that’s going to benefit everybody. It’s a job we can feel good about.”



Courtesy: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

On **Chokoloskee Island**, Captain Charles Wright has learned that educating visitors about the importance of preserving the Everglades is also good for his kayak tour business. Since 1995, he's made his living leading eco-tours from Key Largo to Cape Romano via boat, kayak and foot.

Everybody has this concept that the Everglades is alligators," the Captain says. "But the Everglades are so much more. When I talk about the estuaries, I try to relate it to something tangible, and that's their seafood. It's only through education that we have the opportunity to preserve the Everglades and inherit its culture while we still have the opportunity to do it."

"It's not just the eco-system. It's the heritage and the culture."



Ten Thousand Islands

Brian F. Call Photography

Lake Okeechobee's fishermen don't just take fish out of the lake. They pour money back into the surrounding communities. Mark King has been guiding the lake's visiting fishermen for the past decade, and he's not alone.

"I'm going to guess we've got about thirty guides like me working full-time, and maybe a hundred in the winter," the Clewiston resident says. "From an economic standpoint, these people are paying for a motel room, and they're staying at least two nights each. They're eating in our restaurants and spending money on gifts to take back north."

And they notice the condition of the lake.

"I guide between 200 and 250 a year," King says, "and believe me, people who have been fishing here before keep track of the water level. They know if the mud and dirty water is flowing into our spawning areas. If we want to keep this economy healthy, we have to keep the lake healthy."

Thriving with Everglades tourists

Everglades City is home to about 500 people, five miles south of Tamiami Trail, at the tip of the Ten Thousand Islands in Collier County.

One road in and one road out.

But between December and May, that one road brings more than 3,500 visitors in every month, and they leave money behind. It's not the City they've come to visit in Everglades City. It's the Everglades.

"I had to wait to get onto the main road today," says Kathryn Linder, director of the Everglades

Area Chamber of Commerce. "It looked like a parade out there. And during the summer, it's the Germans who keep us alive."

Without the tourists who flock to the Everglades each year, a town of 500 couldn't support fifteen restaurants and lodgings like the historic Rod & Gun Club or the Seafood Depot.

"Oh, my goodness, practically all the business in town is tourism," says City Council member Elaine Middelstaedt. "It's just what the Everglades is all about."



Brian F. Call Photography

This area of untamed
beauty, abundant
with wildlife and
tropical growth,
may become as famous
a mecca for travel-
minded Americans
as Yellowstone
National Park.

- Popular Mechanics, Feb. 1948



Science, Law and Advocacy

Working with our partners in the environmental community, the Everglades Foundation is active in providing grants, scientific expertise, and legal advice in the ongoing effort to advocate for restoring America's Everglades.

Foundation scientists and policy experts spend much of their time giving testimony, advice and presentations to scientific and government groups. Our scientists write articles for scientific journals, serve on science advisory committees and provide sound scientific data to further improve the Everglades ecosystem.

During 2010, the Foundation was involved in a number of legal efforts to protect the Everglades. The Foundation offered financial support as well as expertise in both federal and Florida courts.

While the Foundation met with considerable success on the legal front, there remain a number of

significant challenges ahead. The Foundation continues to be actively involved in making the case for Everglades restoration.

The Foundation also offers guidance to policy advocates in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. In addition, the Foundation provides similar support for advocacy involving local and regional government entities.

The political landscape in Tallahassee and Washington shifted dramatically after the November 2010 election. The Foundation is working to assist new decision makers in understanding the importance of restoring America's Everglades.

This changing political climate presents new challenges for the Foundation and the environmental community but we are confident that our message is strong and convincing due to our efforts to provide impartial scientific, policy and economic research.



Everglades C-111 Project to help Florida Bay
- January 26, 2010 Associated Press

Everglades touted as job creator and economic boost
- October 19, 2010 Sun Sentinel

Vast new refuge weighed for Northern Everglades
- March 3, 2010 Palm Beach Post

\$400 Million going to restore Kissimmee River
- February 3, 2010 WFTV

New Tamiami Trail bridge plan elates environmentalists
- May 20, 2010 Miami Herald

Florida High Court allows state to buy Everglades land
- November 19, 2010 Wall Street Journal

Federal stimulus money injects new life into Everglades Restoration
- January 9, 2010 St. Petersburg Times

Construction work to find work restoring Everglades
- December 5, 2010 Examiner

New Deal announced to preserve nearly 26,000 acres of Everglades
- July 19, 2010 Associated Press

U.S. Judge seeks answer on Everglades fixes
- December 17, 2010 Miami Herald

Study: Save Everglades, reap \$46 billion

- November 13, 2010 Charlotte Sun

UNESCO declares Everglades endangered site
- July 30, 2010 Reuters

Everglades Coalition Leaders consider impact of Gov. Scott administration
- January 6, 2011 Palm Beach Post

Court rejects Everglades Bridge challenge
- September 15, 2010 Miami Herald

Water Managers Okay Florida-U.S. Sugar deal
- August 12, 2010 Miami Herald

Picayune Strand Restoration a keystone for the Everglades
- January 12, 2010 Naples Daily News

Environmental Advisory Council

Every September, the Everglades Foundation accepts applications for matching grant proposals and annually contributes close to \$1.5 million toward restoration efforts by awarding programming funds to environmental organizations working directly on Everglades issues.

Thirteen diverse partner organizations received 2010 Program Grants for specific projects and are used in Research, Policy Development, Coalition Building, Outreach and Communication, and Environmental Education. Environmental organizations that have received Foundation grants and environmental organizations that partner with the Foundation on strategic programming are invited to serve on the Foundation's Environmental Advisory Council. And whether their individual missions and respective staff specialize in water, fish, parks, or land conservation, together we provide the type of collaborative strategizing that is critical to the overall success of a comprehensive restoration.

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Florida Wildlife Federation
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National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
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Tropical Audubon Society
Sierra Club
World Wildlife Fund



Never less than \$10

Laura Jordan is as much a part of Florida as the Everglades.

"I've never lived out of Florida," she says proudly. "I'm a cracker."

Born in Jacksonville, she has lived in Bronson, Moss Bluff, Wildwood, Okalawaha, Geneve and Orlando.

She's 80 now, a widow living in Sebastian on a fixed income. Jordan donates what she can afford to the Everglades Foundation to protect the Florida she came to love while growing up here.

"Sometimes I send \$25," she says, "but never less than \$10."

Why?

"I love animals and I love the birds," she says, "and I don't like the way people are moving in on their territory. I want to preserve some place for them to be. I wish I could send more, but the restoration is very important to me."



"People complain about alligators coming into their yards, and bears and foxes. But we've moved into their territory. If I had all the money in the world, I'd buy up all the unused property in Florida and keep it virgin for the animals, so the trees could grow like they want to and house the birds and the animals, and they'd always have a place to be."

"Without our help all those little animals are going to be extinct, and I don't think the Lord wants that."



Flamingo Sunset

Brian F. Call Photography

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“Floridians have spent most of the 20th century trying to destroy the Everglades, and much of it trying to save the Everglades, often at the same time.”

- Governor Lawton Chiles, 1991

The complete drainage
of these Everglades is
not only being seriously
considered, but it is
actually in progress.

- The Everglades 1911



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The physical features of
the Everglades are beyond
description, beauty
and charm, blending in a
strange, sweet sense of
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– *Encyclopedia Americana*, 1918.



Why support the Foundation?

We hope the stories in our 2010 Annual Report touched your heart as much as they did ours. It makes us more determined than ever to continue using the best science, public policy, communications and education resources, every day in the effort to restore America's Everglades.

The Everglades Foundation's promise is that 100 percent of each donation goes to directly support programs to restore the Everglades. Grants are also made to organizations that collaborate on Everglades restoration programs where the Foundation can benefit from their resources and expertise ranging from research to advocacy.

The Foundation can make this promise because administrative and fundraising expenses are covered separately and entirely each year by its Board of Directors.

Each year, the Everglades Foundation invests more than \$1 million in grants to partnering organizations that comprise the Environmental Advisory Council. Our partners drive immediate and specific solutions to key issues raised in Foundation scientific briefings and weekly teleconferences.

Your contribution makes it possible for the Foundation to take action.

Each year, hundreds of individuals with a deep commitment to improving America's Everglades, make substantial gifts of support. Everglades Foundation staff can work with attorneys, financial advisors, trust officers and other professionals who coordinate these gifts to customize a plan of involvement focused on Everglades restoration activities and to recognize individuals accordingly.

Other ways you can help:

Stay current through our publications, become involved in an advisory committee, talk with friends and lawmakers.

Introduce the Foundation to corporations or other potential donors.

Give generously, mail the Everglades Foundation a check, use your credit card, give online or donate stocks and bonds.

Leave a legacy by donating part of your estate through a planned gift.

Make a contribution in honor of a family member or friend as an enduring tribute in their honor.

Attend the ForEverglades Benefit in Palm Beach in February 2012, and bring a group of friends.

Attend the Keys Benefit at Cheeca Lodge on March 2, 2012.

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THE EVERGLADES FOUNDATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2010			2009		
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE						
Contributions	<u>\$3,736,705</u>		<u>\$3,736,705</u>	<u>\$2,939,129</u>	<u>\$102,977</u>	<u>\$3,042,106</u>
Interest and dividend income	<u>4,816</u>		<u>4,816</u>	<u>10,400</u>		<u>10,400</u>
Net realized and unrealized gains	<u>114,934</u>		<u>114,934</u>	<u>1,921</u>		<u>1,921</u>
Special Events	<u>2,020,370</u>		<u>2,020,370</u>	<u>1,913,353</u>	<u>187,000</u>	<u>2,100,353</u>
Less: Direct costs	<u>(750,727)</u>		<u>(750,727)</u>	<u>(687,661)</u>		<u>(687,661)</u>
	<u>1,269,643</u>		<u>1,269,643</u>	<u>1,225,692</u>		<u>1,412,692</u>
Net Assets released from temporary restrictions	<u>249,779</u>	<u>(249,779)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,198</u>	<u>(40,198)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>5,375,877</u>	<u>(249,779)</u>	<u>5,126,098</u>	<u>4,217,340</u>	<u>249,779</u>	<u>4,467,119</u>
EXPENSES						
Program services	<u>4,028,773</u>		<u>4,028,773</u>	<u>3,118,294</u>		<u>3,118,294</u>
Fundraising	<u>629,404</u>		<u>629,404</u>	<u>722,576</u>		<u>722,576</u>
Management and general	<u>656,204</u>		<u>656,204</u>	<u>430,889</u>		<u>430,889</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,314,381</u>		<u>5,314,381</u>	<u>4,271,759</u>		<u>4,271,759</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>61,496</u>	<u>(249,779)</u>	<u>(188,283)</u>	<u>(54,419)</u>	<u>249,779</u>	<u>195,360</u>
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING	<u>1,437,767</u>	<u>249,779</u>	<u>1,687,546</u>	<u>1,492,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,492,186</u>
NET ASSETS – ENDING	<u>\$1,499,263</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,499,263</u>	<u>\$1,437,767</u>	<u>\$249,779</u>	<u>\$1,687,546</u>

This alone makes the Everglades worth saving

By John Keller

My first true wilderness thrill was in high school - an airboat ride out into the Everglades and through the sawgrass at what felt like a reckless speed, the sort of thrill you don't forget even after 50 years.

I've been coming here since 1947 and I've acquired a love for Florida. A few winters ago, I spent a day fishing in Everglades National Park with Captain Benny Blanco, a native of South Florida who told me he got a good part of his top notch, backwater Everglades education from the stern of a 12-foot jon boat.

We left out of Flamingo, the remote remains of an 1800s settlement at the end of the road in the Everglades, overlooking Florida Bay. Here, the reality of a remote location along with insects, shallow waters and storm damage soon turned back the handful of pioneer farming, hunting, fishing, milling, sugar cane and charcoal entrepreneurs a century ago.

What remains in Flamingo are a few houses, an 1893 post office and some of the finest fishing and sunsets to be found in Everglades National Park, all of which appealed greatly to Captain Benny. "After my first trip to Flamingo, I never looked back."

We spent the day winding our way through some of the open waters of the Everglades National Park pulling up redfish and snook. I don't recall seeing another boat the whole day, just lots of nesting birds

and wildlife and heart-racing views of Florida Bay.

This alone, I thought, a fishing expedition into the only subtropical preserve in North America, into some of the most pristine waters on earth and passing within a stone's throw of the nesting areas for many of the world's most celebrated wading birds - Roseate spoonbill, wood stork, Great Blue Heron - makes the Everglades worth saving.

I took 50 people from the Hobe Sound community where I live, on a two-day trip into several different Everglades "experiences."

A lot of them had thought of the Everglades before, but a two-day personal education sparked enthusiasm and a new point of view. By going there they had clearly become part of it, they could see where they fit. It was as if a curtain had been lifted. That is the value of knowing the Everglades for yourself.

The survival of these waters is as much a mission of the people as it is the professionals. I believe the experience is the answer, that the best way to get where we need to go - to rescue and restore this water and wildlife treasure - is to take the people to the Everglades.

Go yourself and take someone along. You will be adding a link to the chain of concerned citizens who really care about America's Everglades.



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