

The American Red Cross provided GPIA with our first grant. That critical funding has enabled us to help return more than 500 islanders to safe and secure homes. Today, the Red Cross remains a vital supporter of our mission.



Attending local events helps us connect with islanders in need – and those who can help!

Lowe's frequently donates building materials and other goods that GPIA uses to help Pine Islanders rebuild.



Cape Coral residents Jeff Zimmerman and Bruce Williams didn't know each other before hurricanes Helene and Milton. Today, this duo teams up through the GPIA to support Pine Islanders' recovery. They've donated more than 580 volunteer hours!

Dear Aaron, Erin & Jeannise,
 Thank you so much for your assistance & support after Hurricane Helene & Milton. Your volunteers, especially Holly & Moose were an incredible help as we gutted our house & hauled more stuff to the road. We are grateful to be back in our house thanks to your help.
 Sincerely,
 Ellen & Robert Barlow

To the Pine Island Alliance - May 15, 2025
 I can't thank you enough for all the help I received! I can't imagine what I would have done without all the guidance and expertise of the volunteers. Everyone was so kind and giving of their time and support. I think you provide wonderful help to people suffering tremendous devastation that ruined my home after Helene & Milton. I live by myself and didn't know where to begin. Holly & Moose, volunteering from Cape Christian Church, worked for weeks. You and they have been a huge blessing in my life!
 I hope that this contribution will help you provide the same life saving and loving care that I was so fortunate to receive.
 Forever grateful,
 Holly Aldrich

GPIA VOLUNTEERS UNLOAD BUILDING MATERIALS DONATED THROUGH THE UNITED WAY GIFTS-IN-KIND PROGRAM.



PICS OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN! GPIA VOLUNTEERS TAKE A MINUTE OUT OF REPAIRING A ROOF TO SNAP A SELFIE. LOL.

Greater Pine Island Alliance

Snapshots of Recovery 2025



From the Executive Director

As Hurricane Ian bore down on Southwest Florida in September 2022, Pine Islanders checked on neighbors and made sure they had plans for safe evacuation or could safely ride out the storm. We all planned ahead for our needs — making sure we had food and water, boarding up windows, putting away lawn furniture, gassing up vehicles and crossing items off our seemingly endless preparation checklists.

But I don't think any of us were really ready for Ian — the largest hurricane to ever hit Lee County. Today, the storm is ranked as the third costliest tropical system to make landfall in the whole of the United States behind only Katrina in 2005 and Harvey in 2017.

As Ian passed, and we were finally able to survey the damage, we found our island devastated — cut off from the mainland. Five islanders had lost their lives. Ninety percent of our buildings — including homes and businesses — were damaged, with 20 percent of them classified by county officials as having “major damage” and 3 percent as “destroyed.”

In December 2022, the Greater Pine Island Alliance was incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to provide leadership and coordinated management of the long-term recovery efforts for Greater Pine Island and to provide assistance to individuals and businesses affected by the disaster who did not have adequate personal resources to meet their basic needs.

One of the biggest lessons we learned in our first three years of operations (and another two major storms) is that recovery is not a sprint — it's a marathon of care, determination and community strength.

We've accomplished much in our first three years, assisting more than 5,000 individuals and returning hundreds to safe and secure housing.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our donors, partners and volunteers, who in 2025 alone logged more than 8,000 hours.

I share this summary to provide a snapshot of our work in 2025 and to share how your support fuels hope and creates change. Together, we are not just rebuilding homes; we are rebuilding Pine Island stronger, safer and more connected than ever!



Erin Lollar-Lambert
Executive Director
Greater Pine Island Alliance

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Mission and Purpose

The Greater Pine Island Alliance is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to provide leadership and coordinated management of the long-term recovery efforts for Greater Pine Island, Florida, and to provide long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources to meet their basic needs. Organizational goals include:

- Developing a structured organization to coordinate long-term hurricane recovery for the community;
- Interfacing with county, state and federal governments to share information on unmet needs and help ensure that resources are reaching intended users;
- Working closely with local, state and national nonprofit organizations and NGOs to collaborate on and coordinate recovery efforts;
- Helping the community develop resiliency to be better equipped to deal with future disasters.

Survivor Stories

Lluvia Rosales

and her four children were living in a severely damaged trailer home. Her employer — so concerned about her family's safety and security — reached out to the GPIA in 2025 to see if we could help. Sadly, Lluvia's home was not salvageable. Within a week, we were able to arrange to have her old unit demolished and provide her with a travel trailer donated to the GPIA through the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) reallocation program. The GPIA is continuing to work with FDEM through the donation/reallocation program. Funds GPIA raises through the sale of surplus trailers are now helping to support the GPIA's mission of returning survivors home.



Above: GPIA Board Chair Aaron Barreda, left, and Executive Director Erin Lollar-Lambert (right) give Lluvia the keys to her new travel trailer. **Top right:** The demolition of Lluvia's home. **Bottom right:** Aaron, Erin and GPIA volunteer Eric Wightman deliver Lluvia's new trailer thanks to Pine Islanders Ellen and Robert Ballard, who donated their used pick-up truck to GPIA in 2025.



William McNeil,

a disabled veteran, was living alone in his severely damaged home, with no electricity and no way to refrigerate his insulin. His sole transportation was a bicycle that he was using to traverse the island in the full summer heat. His sister reached out to GPIA to see if we could help. Within 24 hours, GPIA was able to get his electricity restored and create a plan to fund the additional work needed on his home. We also provided him with a new e-bike that allows him to get around the island with greater ease.



Upper right: Aaron demonstrates the new e-bike to William McNeil. **Bottom right:** The new electric service lateral to William's house.

Jackie McGuire

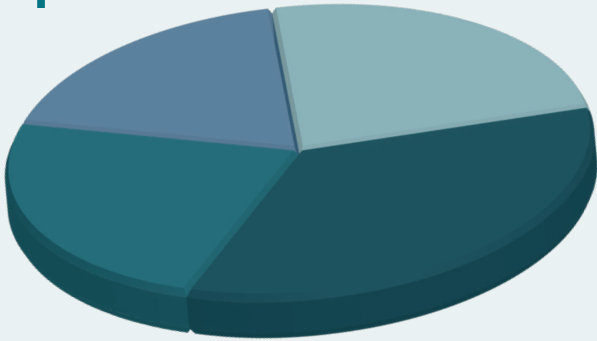
and his wife sheltered in place during Hurricane Ian. During the storm, she suffered a stroke and died the following May. In 2025, Jackie's worried neighbor called GPIA for help: Jackie, now a single father caring for two disabled children, was tied to his roof trying to make repairs! GPIA went to work organizing a team of volunteers from our partners at Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and AmeriCorps, gathering donated construction materials and appliances and paying for contracted repairs, allowing Jackie and his children to have a safe and secure home.



Upper right: ABC Gulf Coast reporter Evan Dean (right) interviews Jackie McGuire on the anniversary of Hurricane Ian. **Bottom right:** Volunteers with AmeriCorps and the IOCC repair Jackie's home.



\$1.08M in goods, grants, donations and services brought to the Greater Pine Island community in 2025



37% Repairs & Rehousing
26% Volunteer Deployment
20% Goods & Services
17% Capacity*

2025 Key Strategic Partners and Donors

- American Red Cross
- American Legion Post 136
- AmeriCares
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Greater Pine Island Elks Lodge
- Habitat for Humanity
- International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
- Lions Club International
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- Philos Foundation
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Salvation Army
- Somebody Cares
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- United Way
- Unmet Needs Long-Term Recovery Group/Catholic Charities
- Week of Compassion

*Capacity grants and donations received included reciprocal funding held over from 2024, 2025 funding, as well as funds that can be utilized in 2026.

252 survivors returned to safe housing in 2025

548 survivors returned to safe housing since 2022

170 seniors helped since 2022



79 veterans served since 2022

8,373 volunteer hours logged in 2025

15,758 volunteer hours logged since 2022

100 homes completed in 2025

275 homes completed since 2022

81 special needs households supported since 2022

969 volunteers have supported Pine Islanders since 2022

\$330,660 total capacity spending* in 2025



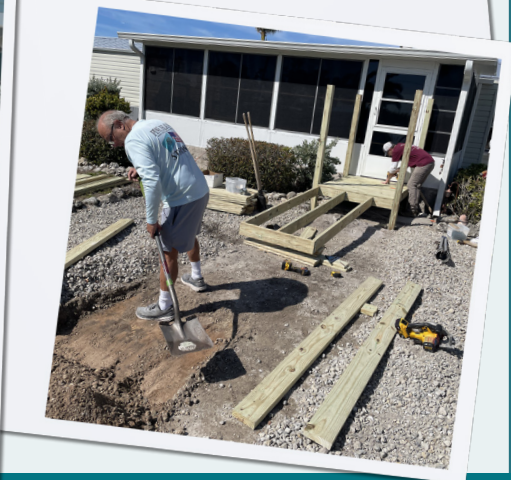
53% Full Time Employees, including DCMs
27% Management, Rent, IT, Conference Travel, Fundraising
20% Direct Costs for Repairs & Rehousing

Key Partner Agencies and Foundations that allocated restricted funds for capacity building

- American Red Cross
- AmeriCares
- Philos Foundation
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Week of Compassion

*43% of the capacity funds spent in 2025 were raised in 2024 and allocated for the 2025 fiscal year.





Your Support Makes a Real Difference!

The extraordinary generosity of friends, neighbors and our partner organizations has helped GIA work toward fulfilling our mission to return every survivor to safe, secure and sanitary homes. We must be ready for every disaster, and the Greater Pine Island community knows they can depend on us from when a disaster hits all the way through their recovery process.

Your donation helps — and we are grateful for your trust!

To learn more about GIA disaster response and the people we've helped, please visit our website GPIAlliance.org.





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of Greater Pine Island

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