



**LOGGERHEAD**  
MARINELIFE CENTER

2025 **IMPACT REPORT**



## **MISSION**

To promote conservation of ocean ecosystems with a special focus on threatened and endangered sea turtles.

## **VISION**

To be a leading authority locally and internationally in ocean conservation via sea turtle research, rehabilitation, and educational programs.

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Last year, our team delivered more than ever before, from sea turtle rehabilitation, to educational experiences and global research. We showed growth in all areas, which wouldn't have been possible without donors and partners like you.

– Monique Brechter,  
LMC Board Chair

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# FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF LOGGERHEAD MARINELIFE CENTER,

When I started at Loggerhead Marinelife Center (LMC) in the summer of 2022, I never could have envisioned all the campus and program improvements the talented team has implemented over the last three years.

2025 was a year of dynamic growth for our organization. We saw additions and progress on every front, making it a truly banner year across all areas. Amid this work, we were awarded the #1 Best Free Attraction in USA

Today's 10Best Reader's Choice Awards for the second year in a row. We welcomed a record 350,000 guests to the LMC campus this year, and 101,000 to the Juno Beach Pier, which we manage.

LMC has a deep history as a free-access attraction dating back to 1983, when we were first established as the Juno Beach Children's Museum. Donation-based admission is a critical part of our fabric, and we are incredibly grateful to our community

of donors, supporters, sponsors, and partners who enable us to further our mission and grow our impact. We could not do this vital work without you.

The next several pages provide an overview of our growth, including the addition of new campus exhibits such as the History Exhibit in the Welcome Center, which traces our roots to our dynamic founder, Eleanor Fletcher, and the newly expanded Measure Up Exhibit, a staple photo op for



families for decades. We know some families who have continued this tradition for three generations.

On the program side, we launched a veterinary internship for licensed veterinarians seeking experience in wildlife rehabilitation and aquatic medicine. We also introduced an Ocean Scholars Program for high school students from Title I schools who inspire to pursue careers in marine science or ocean education.

Our science team continued to provide world-class care for more than 1,700 sea turtle patients. In 2025 we recorded the third-largest nesting season on our stretch of beach. We were also encouraged this year to see the green turtle's status on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List be downlisted from Endangered to Least Concern, demonstrating that dedicated conservation efforts can make a measurable impact on the environment. LMC has been

at the forefront of those efforts since its inception.

This remarkable year was made possible by our community. Whether you contributed at the front door as a guest or as a member of our Gordon Gray Circle, a group of our most generous donors, your support made this year of progress possible.

Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center has an extraordinary team at every level, working passionately to protect sea turtles and advance ocean conservation.

Thank you for your belief in our mission.

With sincere appreciation,



Andy Dehart,  
President & CEO



# THREE-FLIPPERED PATIENT LEADING THE WAY.

In January 2025, we admitted a 156-pound subadult loggerhead sea turtle that presented with a severe injury to its front right flipper, likely caused by a shark bite. This turtle, named Dilly Dally, underwent emergency care, but its condition was critical and a complete amputation of the limb was required. The veterinary care team began intensive wound care, antibiotic treatment, pain management, and mobility monitoring. Over the course of five months, Dilly Dally steadily regained strength and adapted to life with one front flipper.

Dilly Dally was just one of 217 juvenile and adult patients, along with nearly 1,500 hatchlings and post-hatchling washbacks treated and released this year. Each larger turtle patient is typically released with numbered flipper tags on each front flipper and a PIT (passive integrated transponder) tag inserted beneath the skin. These tags allow researchers and rehabilitation centers to identify these animals during subsequent

encounters. Satellite tags provide real-time location and migration data, dive depth information, and water temperature readings.

We do not satellite tag every sea turtle patient that leaves LMC's hospital, as the cost is prohibitive. Each satellite tag costs up to \$10,000, including satellite service fees required to transmit the data. In the past, amputee patients were not candidates for satellite tagging. In 2025, LMC partnered with the **Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute** to begin an innovative study monitoring how amputee sea turtles adapt to life back in the ocean.

Dilly Dally became the second subject in this study and was released publicly on Juno Beach to the applause of hundreds of supporters. Dilly Dally's journey is viewable on the Mapotic platform through our website, an integration made possible by the **Scott M. Panzer Foundation**.

By the end of 2025, Dilly Dally had swum more than 3,600 miles and was spending time off the coast of Port St. Lucie. These data have offered invaluable insight into how a rehabilitated three-flipped sea turtle adapts and thrives post-treatment. This project also highlights the collaboration between our hospital and our research team. While Dilly Dally was the star of the show in 2025, we put the same level of care into every patient, with an overall patient survival rate of 76%, a remarkable improvement compared with rehabilitation norms.

## 2025 Rehabilitation Impact

- Treated **217** juvenile and adult patients
- Treated **1,488** hatchlings & washbacks
- Achieved a **76%** patient survival rate
- Hosted **22** veterinary medical student externs
- Hosted **12** undergraduate interns
- Co-authored **three** journal publications
- Authored **one** book chapter

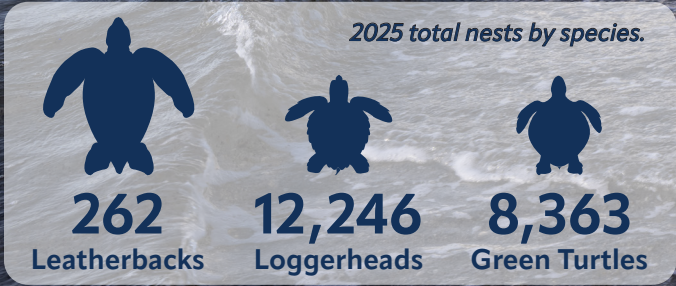


Marisa Marulli



This year's nesting numbers reflect the positive effects of decades of dedicated conservation efforts.

– Dr. Justin Perrault,  
VP of Research



# CONSERVATION-BASED RESEARCH YIELDS RESULTS.

While our planet and its natural ecosystems are under pressure, there are reasons to celebrate. Many of these successes exist because people cared and decided to act.

In late 2025, the green turtle, one of the species of sea turtles that nests on Florida's coast, was downlisted from Endangered to Least Concern globally on the International Union for the Conservation (IUCN) of Nature Red List. The IUCN is a global organization working towards the conservation of imperiled plants and animals. The movement of the green turtle to Least Concern globally is a win for sea turtles and a story of hope, demonstrating how human involvement and protection can support species recovery.

For over a century, green turtles were exploited for their meat, eggs, and shells, while also impacted as bycatch in commercial fisheries. By the 1970s, green turtles in the Atlantic were near extinction. In Florida in the 1980s, there were roughly 4,000 total green turtle nests annually; by the 2010s, that number climbed to 50,000 each year statewide. This year, LMC's research team counted **8,363** green turtle nests along the 9.5 miles of beach that we monitor.

Numerous efforts helped protect sea turtles in the United States and around the world. Federal protections were enacted through the Endangered Species Act in 1973. The development and adoption of the Turtle Excluder Device (TED) for shrimp trawls drastically reduced bycatch. In many areas, nesting beaches were protected from development and poaching through standardized monitoring programs.

LMC has been at the forefront of these efforts since 1983. In 2025, our research team monitored a total of **20,871** nests from three species of sea turtles: leatherbacks, loggerheads, and green turtles. These nests produced an estimated **650,000** hatchlings critical to the survival of sea turtle species and the ocean ecosystem. Our dedicated team was in the field for **244** days collecting critical data that contributed to **four** published manuscripts and generated new research questions.

This same rigorous approach guides our conservation work as we seek to reduce human impacts on sea turtles. Of our 217 patients this year, **23%** were admitted due to boat strikes and **15%** due to fishing gear injuries. Our Sea Turtle Protection Zone and Responsible Pier Initiative address these

threats. Through LMC's fishing line recovery bins across Palm Beach County, **227** miles of monofilament were collected and kept out of the ocean, and our weekly beach cleanups, with the assistance of more than **5,700** volunteers, removed **2,819** pounds of marine debris, **87%** of which was plastic.

Our habitat restoration efforts focus on the ecosystems sea turtles need to survive, including seagrasses, coral reefs, and dune systems, along with the water quality essential to their survival. This year we established a partnership with **Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management** to study heavy metal contamination in seagrasses. Together, these efforts advance our mission to safeguard sea turtles while restoring the health of the ecosystems that sustain them.

## 2025 Conservation/Research Impact at Juno Beach

- **78** sea turtles rescued at our **76** participating RPI piers
- **56,654** total crawls monitored
- Estimated **2.3 million** eggs laid, producing roughly **650,000** hatchlings

# EXPANDING OUR OCEAN EDUCATION EXPERIENCES.

Education has been part of LMC's DNA from the beginning. Our founder, Eleanor Fletcher, had a passion for sharing her discoveries on Juno Beach. Each year education is a cornerstone of our mission, engaging children in summer camps, school field trips, and after-school programs, and offering adult learning opportunities through internships and science lectures. In 2025, we expanded our educational experiences and successfully raised funds to support the next generation of transformative ocean education.

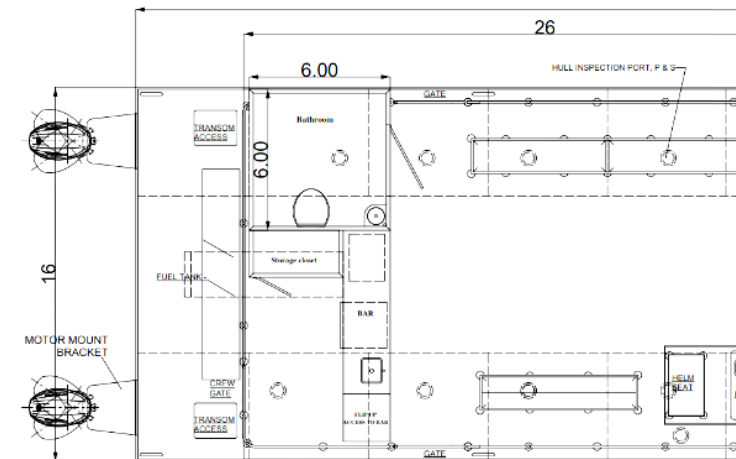
LMC engaged over 85,000 learners in educational programs in 2025. We served as a Community Experience Provider for the School District of Palm Beach County, through which over 600 seventh graders participated in marine science labs in the **Glenn W. & Cornelia T. Bailey Education Center**. We welcomed 6,756 Title I students through our Oceans of Opportunity initiative, supporting full program

scholarships, thanks to individual donors and foundations alike.

To expand our reach beyond campus and amplify our conservation and attraction partners, we launched our WILD in the Palm Beaches Tour. This new conservation travel experience utilizes our Big Blue Bus, supported by **Florida Power & Light Company (FPL)**, to provide a day of discovery and learning, visiting Manatee Lagoon – An FPL Eco-Discovery Center®, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, and LMC for guided wildlife encounters and education.

We were thrilled to fund a vision that has been in the making for nearly 10 years. Thanks to a generous lead gift by **Bob & Jenny Male**, \$1.25 million was raised to build and launch the LMC Floating Classroom. This custom-built 53 foot flat-deck catamaran will, for the first time, allow LMC to bring kids and kids at heart onto Palm Beach County's iconic waterways to engage in marine science. Supporting up

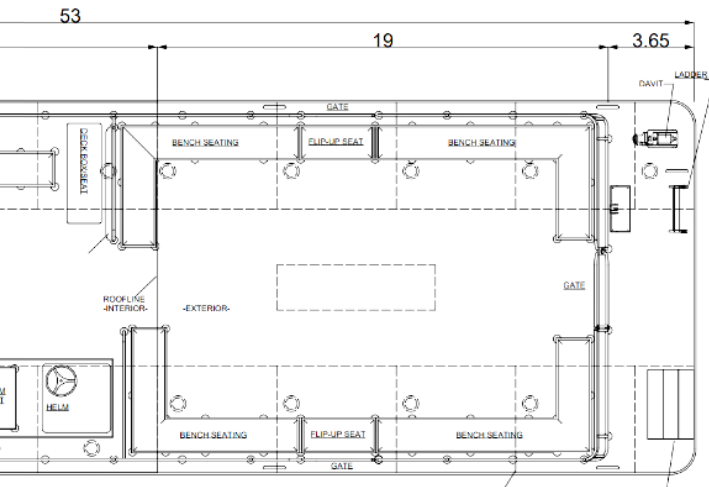
to 50 passengers, this vessel will be staffed by marine science educators and scientists engaging passengers in hands-on activities; examining water quality, observing and identifying marine life, learning coastal ecology, and collecting data in real time. While Palm Beach County is rich in marine and coastal resources, not all residents have access to enjoy them. In a major expansion of LMC's educational offerings, we will now be able to reach those individuals. The new Floating Classroom will launch in April 2027 thanks to the Male Family and the many generous donors that helped support this exciting campaign.



*Floating Classroom rendering for demonstrative purposes only.*

## 2025 LMC Education Impact

- Inspired **85,244** learners in a rich range of environmental education
- Provided **3,857** scholarships through Oceans of Opportunity initiative
- Welcomed **6,756** Title I school students to experience field trips at LMC
- Taught **318** lessons through LMC's six-week after-school curriculum, Diving Into Ocean Connections
- Engaged **13,363** residents and visitors through outreach events
- Expanded community conservation partnerships through all-inclusive travel experiences



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This year, new programs strengthened connections between learners and Palm Beach County's iconic coastal ecosystems.

- Hannah Campbell  
VP of Education





Inaugural cohort of Ocean Scholars on a snorkeling excursion.

## PLANTING THE SEED AND FOSTERING GROWTH.

LMC delivers a continuum of ocean education, guiding children from early discovery to advanced learning, leadership, and career exploration in marine science and conservation. For many kids, their first deep dive into marine science is a week at Junior Marine Biologist Camp. This year, we were proud that nearly one-quarter of all camp participants were able to attend through full-tuition scholarships. Camp offers a safe environment during school breaks and provides opportunities to connect with each other, as well as our sea turtle patients and the oceans.

Sponsors for summer camp scholarships include: **Allison Dray, Inspirational Futures Foundation, Isabel's Charitable Gift Fund, Kiwanis of North Palm Beach, Palm Beach International Boat Show Gives Back Grant Program, Perry J. Cohen Foundation, Mark and Sue Panella, National Mah Jongg League Inc., The Rogers Family, and William Montague Oeste.**

In 2025, we were proud to launch our Ocean Scholars Internship, made possible by the **Glenn W. Bailey Foundation**. This flagship career development program places five high school students alongside our science, education, and conservation teams for real-world learning and mentorship. Each scholar is selected based on financial need, interest, and academic merit, and is provided with a stipend to remove common barriers to participation. Our inaugural cohort of scholars experienced many 'firsts' during their internship, including snorkeling, sea turtle monitoring, fundamentals of animal care, and practicing science communication. Most importantly, they reported increased confidence in pursuing careers in marine science and advocating for the protection of sea turtles and the ocean.

We recognize that learning continues even after traditional school ends. This year, we created a new program to build veterinary expertise and skills in wildlife rehabilitation and aquatic medicine. To help strengthen the bench of qualified sea turtle and wildlife

rehabilitation veterinarians for the future, LMC collaborated with **Busch Wildlife Sanctuary** to launch a veterinary medicine internship. This program allows two licensed veterinarians who have completed veterinary school to receive the specialized training needed to become the specialists of the future. This year-long paid program exposes new veterinarians to work with aquatic animals ranging from sea turtles, seahorses, and rays to terrestrial and avian animals such as screech owls, opossums, and foxes.

As we grow, so have the number of opportunities for employment and internships. This year, we reached the highest employee count in LMC history with 113 full-time and part-time employees during our busy summer season.

From early learning to post-graduate programs, LMC is excited to build enthusiasm for marine life and increase the training of future ocean stewards.

# CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND GUESTS.

The last several years have seen numerous campus improvements, and our year of growth in 2025 was no exception. As the first stop for all guests entering campus, we added a History of Loggerhead Marineline Center exhibit to the Welcome Center. This exhibit traces our roots back to our founder, Eleanor Fletcher, and explores the early days of the Center, as well as the establishment of our four pillar areas: sea turtle rehabilitation, research, education, and conservation. The Welcome Center makeover was made possible by **Kathy Paleczny** and the **Henry Foundation**, and this new addition showcases historic photos and artifacts that help set the stage for the visitor journey ahead.

We also renovated the Deep Dive Rehabilitation Tank, one of the final stages of the rehabilitation process for injured sea turtles with buoyancy issues. Buoyancy challenges are often caused by traumatic injuries to the carapace, or shell, which can leave trapped air once healed. Unfortunately, turtles with unresolved buoyancy problems are non-releasable. This specially designed

hospital tank provides deeper water, increasing compression of the trapped air. Once turtles have demonstrated that they can dive to depth, eat, and rest without floating, they are cleared for release, improving the number of patients that can return to the ocean. Thanks to our generous donors, the **Oh Family**, this hospital tank was renovated in 2025. The sterile color and fixtures were replaced with a vibrant, natural reefscape that mimics conditions on the reef. Turtles in this phase of recovery show dramatic improvements in swimming and mobility.

For generations, the Measure Up exhibit has been a favorite photo opportunity on campus, as visitors compare their measurements to the sea turtles found in Florida's waters. This year, this staple exhibit was relocated to a more accessible area for family photos, and the content was enhanced to include all five Florida sea turtle species.

This focus on campus improvements and guest engagement led the Center to earn

the **#1 Best Free Attraction for USA**

**Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards** for the second year in a row. In this contest, nominated by travel writers and voted on by the public, we beat out iconic locations such as Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Niagara Falls. We are honored by the award and proud of

our reputation for delivering an exceptional visitor experience.



Marisa Marulifi

# RETAIL PARTNERSHIP EXPANSION CONTINUES.

For over two decades, the boutique gift store of LMC has supported the organization's mission. This year, we highlighted that connection with a "Purchase with Purpose" campaign throughout our stores and online. At LMC, everything sold, from t-shirts to plush turtles, helps support our work protecting sea turtle populations and improving ocean education. We also focused on expanding offerings from local and regional artists and manufacturers, reinforcing our



ties to the community and reducing our environmental footprint.

Since 2014, we have managed the Juno Beach Pier on behalf of **Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation**, hosting 101,000 visitors this year alone. Beginning in 2016, we have partnered with **Manatee Lagoon** to manage their gift store. With successful management and strong revenue generation at both locations in 2025, we continued to grow our retail collaborations. This year, we were excited to become the retail partner of **Cox Science Center and Aquarium**. This scientific learning beacon is undergoing an expansive renovation, and we are proud to partner with them.

Combined across all retail operations, we generated \$4.4 million in gross sales. This model of successful retail operations, combined with generous support from the community, helped fuel this year of growth at the Center and allowed us to remain a free access facility.

For several years, the onsite Tortuga Café was run by an outside concessionaire. In 2025, we brought the operation and management of this café in-house, improving both operations and offerings. By increasing efficiency and expanding the menu, we improved sales by 43% over the prior year.

With the strong growth of our retail services over the past decade, we established an offsite shipping and receiving warehouse this year. This greatly improved our efficiency by centralizing deliveries and distribution for all four locations, while freeing up valuable space on campus.



# 16,000 GUESTS CELEBRATE THE START OF NESTING SEASON AT OUR FIRST TWO-DAY TURTLEFEST COMMUNITY EVENT.

Even the events at LMC saw growth in 2025. After 19 years as an annual community staple, TurtleFest presented by **Amazon** expanded into a two-day event for the first time on its 20th anniversary. Attendees, vendors, bands, and the community praised the multi-day event. For many families, weekends are often busy with school and sporting events, and the flexibility to attend on either day was a major draw.

As a festival that kicks off sea turtle nesting season, 16,000 guests enjoyed live music from local and national bands on the **Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County Main Stage**, shopping from local vendors, and sampling great food.

The Seaside Slide, supported by **PNC Bank**, and the **FPL Education Village** offered entertainment and hands-on learning activities for kids. **TBC Corporation** played a key role in the guest experience by supporting seamless transportation to and from the event. The Skydeck Bar featured partners **Sailfish Brewing Company**, **Vida Caña Rum**, and **Tito's Handmade Vodka** while offering a place to play tailgate games. **Loggerhead Marinas** and **Experience Matters Insurance** were also key sponsors of this year's event.

The partnership with **Amazon** has elevated TurtleFest into a must-attend annual event, occurring the last weekend in February each year.



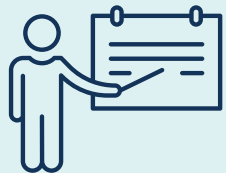
# OUR EVENTS TEAM RAISES FUNDS AND AWARENESS WITH NEW AUDIENCES.

Our event space, The Eleanor at Loggerhead Marinelife Center, continued to drive traffic to the Center in 2025. We hosted 5,232 special event guests this year, many coming to campus for the first time. Revenue from event rentals contributed nearly \$300,000 to operations and mission-based work.

As we continue to grow this aspect of our business model, it is clear that when potential clients visit the Center, they value the combination of an elegant event space and a sustainable, mission-based setting. As a result, we saw a 91% booking rate this year. We also hosted our first-ever full campus corporate buyout, which was incredibly successful and built awareness of our mission in a non-traditional market.

We activated all areas on campus with learning spaces including our **Gordon and Patricia Gray Family Hospital** and the **George and Lynn Bovenizer Research Laboratory**, creating special moments for this biomedical company buyout. This led to additional donations and retail sales during the event.

While The Eleanor hosts large events on campus, our monthly By the Sea Lecture Series takes place in the **Gordon & Patricia Gray Auditorium**, sponsored by **Bank of America**. Speakers in this series include scientists, photographers, and other leaders in marine conservation, allowing LMC to highlight the critical work occurring in Earth's oceans.



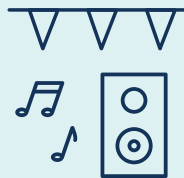
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Special Events



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Weddings



# BLUE FRIENDS SOCIETY MEMBERS LEAD THE WAY WITH SOCIAL EVENTS AND OCEAN STEWARDSHIP.

The Blue Friends Society continued to grow through a strong calendar of social and stewardship events in 2025. These events were made possible through **Key Private Bank** as the Social Sponsor. Events included Galentine's at North Palm Beach Country Club, the Spring Fling at LMC, happy hour at Topside at the Beacon, and TurtleWars at Roger Dean Stadium. We have 360 active Blue Friends Society Members, which often serves as a gateway to involvement in other LMC donor circles.

The Blue Friends Society also manages volunteers for the weekly Juno Beach cleanups. Through these weekly efforts, 5,704 volunteers helped remove 3,522 pounds of trash. These mission-based events are made possible by **Carrier** as the annual beach cleanup sponsor.

The Go Blue Awards returned to the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts for its 16th annual luncheon, celebrating and honoring those making an impact in ocean conservation. Over 400 guests attended this special event. Kerry Sanders, NBC News Senior National News Correspondent, was awarded the Eleanor Fletcher Lifetime Achievement Award. As part of his acceptance, he delighted the audience with stories from his career, including a special memory of a Today Show segment that featured LMC. This year's luncheon was one of the most successful to date for both attendance and

donations, and marked the first year of our sea turtle plush fundraiser supporting Title I schools.

Lead sponsors for the event included **PNC Bank, The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation, Florida Power & Light, The Haugland Family, Lynne and Pete Wells, and Tami and Bill Shull**. This year also saw a record number of nominees, with winners selected by an illustrious panel of independent judges.



Kerry Sanders, speaking at the 16th annual Go Blue Awards Luncheon.

## HOW DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

We are proud to be woven into the civic and philanthropic fabric of the Palm Beach County community. The LMC staff, board, and volunteers are grateful to the generations of supporters who believe in our work. Our mission includes being stewards of your generosity, ensuring that you see the results of your investment.

Thanks to an extraordinary investment in programmatic and capital improvements, LMC became a stronger organization with an even greater reach in 2025. We welcomed a record 350,000 guests to the Center and 101,000 to the Juno Beach Pier. Guests donated an impressive \$1.2 million at our newly renovated **Fortin Family Foundation Welcome Center**, helping us meet our \$10 million budget.

Generous personal and foundation giving made up 50% of LMC's total revenue. The **Gordon Gray Circle**, which encompasses our most dedicated supporters, was founded in 2012 by the late Gordon Gray.

No group does more to support our critical work than the Circle. This year, \$1,576,517 was raised through this generous community.

We could not operate without the critical collaboration of local government partners. For 40 years, we have operated in Loggerhead Park, managed by **Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation**, with whom we manage the county's Juno Beach Pier. The **City of Juno Beach** provides vital operational support, especially during our public sea turtle releases. We collect data for **Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management** on beach renourishment projects. County agencies such as the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County**, **Tourist Development Council**, and **Discover The Palm Beaches** work synergistically to position us as a top-rated attraction in Palm Beach County.

We are fortunate that corporations and local businesses believe in our work and are proud to align with our values and brand.



Ava Parker and LMC board member, Joe Gibbons.

**AT&T, Amazon, Bank of America, Carrier, Equity Lifestyle Properties/ Loggerhead Marinas, Florida Power & Light Company, PNC Bank, Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, Northern Trust, Pratt & Whitney, and TBC Corporation** generously support our mission.

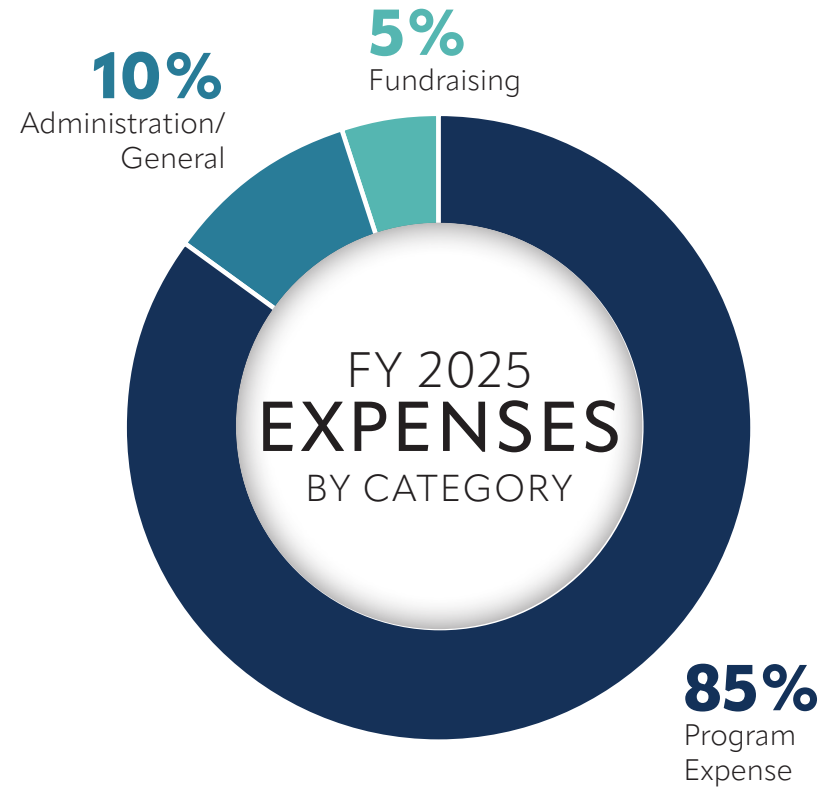
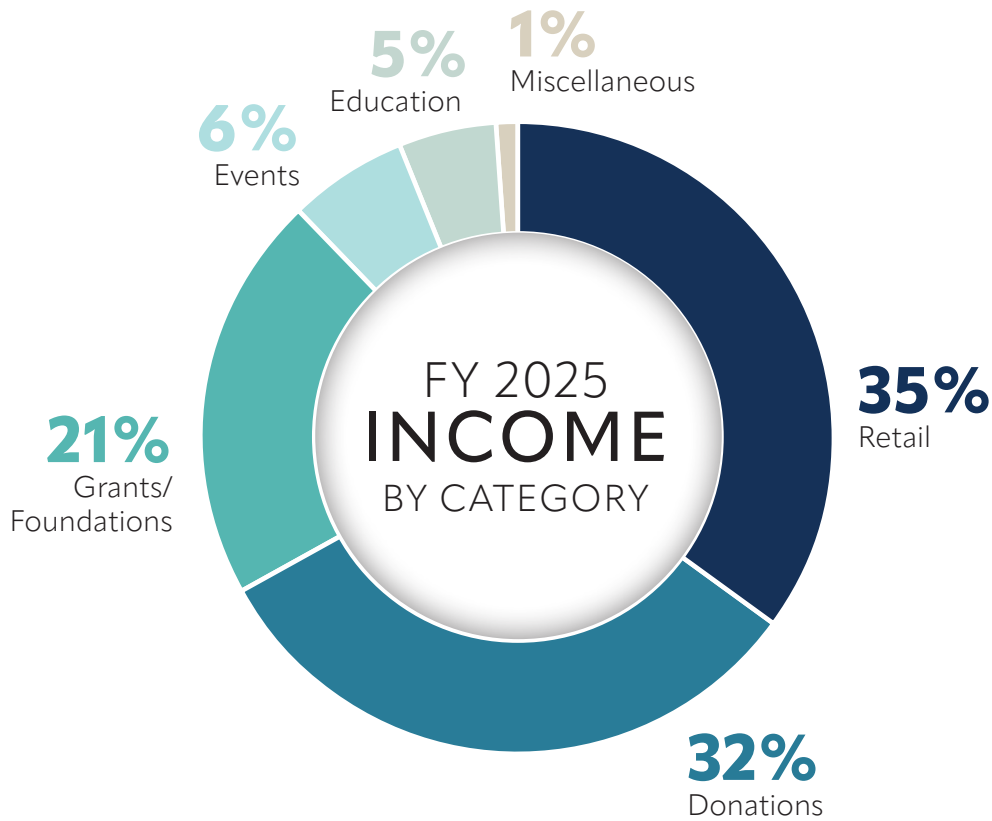
To everyone who donated to LMC in 2025, we thank you.



# FINANCIAL SECURITY

LMC prioritizes strong financial stewardship along with our steady growth. During the year, our annual fund, grant funding, retail operations, private events, and paid programs helped maximize revenue while controlling costs. Our Finance Department is committed to an optimized capital structure and long-term solvency, consistently reflected in our annual financial statements. The generous support received from our individual and foundation donors, as well as sponsorship partners, ensures that we remain a free-access experience, which is core to our mission.

Loggerhead Marineline Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to the conservation of ocean ecosystems through public education, research, and rehabilitation with a focus on threatened and endangered sea turtles.



■ 35% Retail.....	\$4,342,647
■ 32% Donations.....	\$3,974,226
■ 21% Grants/Foundations.....	\$2,621,315
■ 6% Events.....	\$676,424
■ 5% Education.....	\$556,304
■ 1% Miscellaneous.....	\$99,316
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$12,270,232</b>

■ 85% Program Expense .....	\$9,998,561
■ 10% Administration/General.....	\$1,176,301
■ 5% Fundraising .....	\$588,151
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$11,763,013</b>

*Above figures based on unaudited financial statements.*

# YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Help us keep our Center donation-based so that no one is ever denied access to marine education. Our work is made possible by your generosity.

## Give With Confidence

In 2025, LMC received Candid's **GuideStar Platinum Transparency** ranking. We continue to earn **Four Stars**, the highest rating from **Charity Navigator**. We are also a proud member of the **1% for the Planet** community. We are committed to responsible stewardship of your investment and are proud that LMC ranks among the most effective top 6% of charities nationwide.



## Give Through Your Donor-Advised Fund

Donor-advised funds (DAFs) are one of the most popular methods of charitable giving in the United States, valued for their ease, flexibility, and tax advantages. By directing a gift to LMC through your DAF, you can make a meaningful contribution toward our mission.

## Make a Gift through a Charitable IRA Rollover

For donors aged 73 and older with IRAs, there is an important tax provision to consider: the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). The RMD is the minimum amount you must withdraw annually, beginning at age 73. If you do not need the distribution for personal use, you can make a direct transfer of your RMD, or a portion of it, to our organization. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). By doing so, you can

satisfy your RMD requirement, avoid taxes on the transferred amount, and support our mission at the same time. This is a tax-efficient strategy ensures that **100% of your gift** goes directly to our cause.

## Gift of Stock

Giving in the form of appreciated securities is simple, and you may receive an immediate tax deduction while avoiding capital gains taxes. Contact us to transfer stock directly to LMC.

## Become a Member

Becoming an LMC member plays a vital role in advancing our mission. Your membership helps fund critical rehabilitation efforts, research, and education programs that directly impact marine ecosystem health and our community. Join a network dedicated to protecting sea turtles and our oceans. [marinelife.org/become-a-member/](https://marinelife.org/become-a-member/)

## Corporate Sponsorships

Becoming a corporate sponsor of LMC offers companies a unique opportunity to align their brand with ocean conservation. As a globally recognized leader in our pillars of rehabilitation, research, education, and conservation, LMC provides sponsors with unique visibility, community engagement, and customized marketing benefits. By supporting LMC, companies demonstrate their commitment to environmental stewardship, connect with a passionate audience, and contribute to our mission.

## Honorary & Memorial Gifts

Celebrate the memory of a loved one or honor someone special by contributing to our cause. These gifts not only support our work, but also help establish a legacy of hope and conservation. By choosing to give in this meaningful way, you will be reminded of your impact every time you set foot on our campus. [marinelife.org/pavers-benches-auditorium-seats/](https://marinelife.org/pavers-benches-auditorium-seats/)

## Online Giving

Every contribution counts, no matter the size. Our recurring donors provide a steady stream of unrestricted support, enabling us to plan effectively for the future of the Center and the well-being of sea turtles.



Your philanthropy helps keep the Center donation-based and accessible to all while furthering our mission of sea turtle rehabilitation, research, education, and conservation.

For the many ways you can support our mission, please contact Gui Proença, Director of Development at 561-627-8280, ext. 133, or email [gproenca@marinelife.org](mailto:gproenca@marinelife.org).



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LMC Board Chair,  
Monique Brechter  
and CEO, Andy Dehart.



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