

newsletter

A historic moment for Sanibel's workforce

CHR) now officially owns the former Fish House property next to the Harkey House. With this project and its approved site plans, **Sanibel is closer than ever to achieving the City of Sanibel's long-standing goal of dedicating 3% of its housing stock to workforce residents—for the first time in the city's history.**

The redevelopment will transform the site into 38 affordable housing apartments and 2,500 square feet of commercial space, creating a thoughtfully designed mixed-use development that supports both residents and local businesses.

This \$21 million investment, scheduled for completion by July 2028, represents more than new construction. It marks a defining step forward in ensuring the people who work on Sanibel have the opportunity to live here. Reaching the 3% affordable housing benchmark has been a critical priority for the city, and this development brings that vision within reach—strengthening the island's workforce, economy, and long-term resilience.



Jeff's story

"Island time" can mean being late. But it also means a life well spent—peaceful and refreshing. Jeff Justus embodies that second meaning.

"Oh, it's nice," Jeff said of living on Sanibel and in his one-bedroom CHR residence. "The management's real nice, the buildings are well kept, and the grounds are well kept."

Jeff moved to Sanibel from North Carolina in 1985 and spent more than 30 years working at Bailey's—first stocking shelves, then as a baker. When Hurricane Ian hit, he lost both his job and his housing. After months in shelters and with friends, he connected with CHR.

CHR provided more than a home. When a serious condition threatened his eyesight, CHR connected Jeff with the Lions Club and helped him secure critical surgery to save his sight.

Today, Jeff works at Jerry's Café and enjoys the peaceful life he loves.

"For most people like me, if not for CHR, we wouldn't be living on Sanibel."

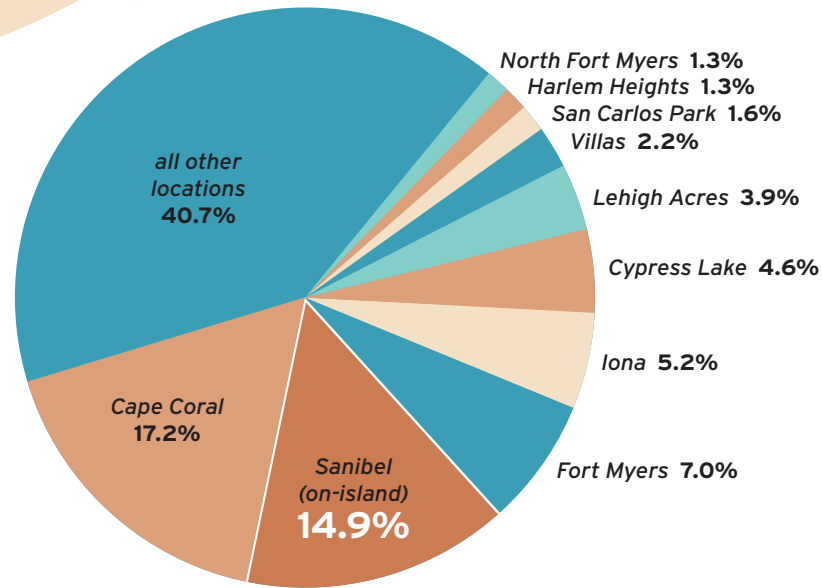
Where Sanibel and Captiva workforce lives

This pie chart shows where the people who power Sanibel and Captiva's economy call home.

Fewer than 14.9% live on the island, while over 85% commute from other areas across Lee County and beyond.

Long commutes, rising housing costs, and limited local availability make workforce housing more critical than ever. At Community Housing & Resources, we're working to change that, so the people who serve our community can afford to live here, too.

Supporting local housing = strengthening our island.



Pink Out giving back in our community

CHR is grateful for the incredible support of our island partners and the spirit of collaboration that makes this community so special. We were honored to receive an unexpected donation from SanCap Pink Project, and we are deeply thankful for their generosity and continued partnership.

Working alongside inspiring nonprofits like Mary and her team at the PINK OUT reminds us how powerful collaboration can be. Together, we strengthen our community, support meaningful causes, and amplify the impact of our collective efforts.

Thank You to our amazing board members

We are incredibly grateful for our amazing board members, who give their time, energy, and hearts in so many ways—yes, even stuffing envelopes.

Your dedication, teamwork, and hands-on support make a real difference, and we are truly honored to have such committed leaders guiding our mission.

Thank you for helping us strengthen our community and support our goal of providing affordable housing for the workforce on Sanibel Island. We couldn't do this without you.



William Larson, CHR Board Member & LEO Chair

100+ Women Who Care

We were honored to have our Director, Nicole, present at the February luncheon of 100+ Women Who Care Sanibel Captiva, where she shared CHR's mission and the vital services we provide to island residents.

100+ Women Who Care is a local collective giving group whose members each contribute \$100 per meeting, pooling their donations to award impactful grants to area nonprofits. Their simple but powerful model creates meaningful change for organizations serving Sanibel and Captiva – and we're grateful for the opportunity to share CHR's story with this inspiring group of women.



CHR community highlights



Community Housing and Resources recently installed a new playground feature at one of its properties, creating a welcoming space for families to gather and children to play. The addition was made possible in part by a grant from the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club.

Our residents enjoyed our February event – creating Valentine's!



We're proud to celebrate Gabriella for receiving the "Do The Right Thing" Award from the Lee County Sheriff's Office and School District for her charitable giving to CHR, her school, and Roots of Resilience. She even shared with a school board member how much her tree raised for CHR – inspiring the next generation of island philanthropists.

Community events

Sanibel Shell Show March 5 through March 7 at the Community House, 9 to 5, Thursday and Friday and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday
sanibelcommunityhouse.net/shell-festival

Sanibel Music Festival See website for more information on dates, times, and performances
sanibelmusicfestival.org/

Messy Church St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, March 8, 5 to 6:30 pm
saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Friendly Faces Luncheon F.I.S.H. Dave will explore the history of olive oil, how it's made, the different types, the many ways olive oil fits into everyday cooking and more. March 10, 11 am to 1 pm, Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957
fishofsancap.org/events/friendly-faces-luncheon-27

Chapel By The Sea Spring Food Drive, March 15, 11 am to 12 pm Captiva Chapel By The Sea, 11580 Chapin Ln, Captiva, FL

SAVE THE DATE



SHIP WRECKED

Yacht Rock PARTY

Sunday, April 12th | 3-6p

Featuring The Pontunes playing the coolest Yacht Rock, Tropical & Pop hits of the 70's & 80's. They have more love than Love Boat and more fun than Fantasy Island.

Lady Chadwick Yacht

McCarthy's Marina

11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, FL 33924

Limited space!

Food & drink for sale • Land and sea, tent and chairs on site • Yacht rock attire

\$100 per person

Register at tinyurl.com/CHRYachtRock

FEATURING MUSIC BY



Job Openings

Retail

Jerry's Grocery - Multiple openings (Cashiers & Stockers) [CareersatJerrys.com](https://careersatjerrys.com)

Everything But Water - Periwinkle Place
239-312-5254

Salt Life - Periwinkle Place
Call Shane Nation at 239-203-1423

Naples Soap Company - Periwinkle Place
Contact Rosie Carrier at 239-887-7230

Food Service

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille - Front & Back of House docfords.com/careers

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa - Multiple Food & Beverage Positions 239-496-5998
<https://columbushm.rec.pro.ukg.net/COL1509COHM/JobBoard/Od94c03b-e563-4f86-955a-6dd59150dec7/?q=&o=postedDateDesc>

Guest Services / Hospitality

Casa Ybel Resort - Pool & Beach Attendant
800-276-4753

Royal Shell Vacations - Housekeeping Inspector
855-890-1290

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa - Multiple Guest Services Positions 239-496-5998

Facilities / Maintenance

Periwinkle Place - Full-Time Grounds Maintenance/Custodial| Call Shane Nation at 239-203-1423

The Sanctuary Golf Club - Irrigation Manager
239-472-6445

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa - Maintenance Opportunities 239-496-5998

Professional / Administrative

Children's Education Center of the Islands (CECI) - Part-Time Director of Development grantcoordinator@childrenseducationcenter.com

The Community House - Deputy Director, Community Engagement Coordinator, Office Administrator 239-472-2155

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa - Business Development & Leadership Roles 239-496-5998



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