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GNL HELPS RESTORE NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN AFTER HURRICANE IAN

(Naples, Fla.) – November 29, 2022 – Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) members completed a post-Hurricane Ian cleanup day at Naples Botanical Garden (NBG) on November 3, 2022, as part of their 2022 GNL “Done in a Day” series of community volunteer efforts. Supervised by the Garden Horticulture and Conservation teams, members of Master Classes VII through current Class XXVI fanned out across the Garden to clean up debris, plus weeding, mulching, and installation of new native sustainable plantings. Specific areas that were given a touch-up include the Native Nursery, parking lot areas, and front entrance. This is the second time this year GNL mobilized volunteers to assist the Garden, as their annual event is typically in the spring.

DIAD volunteers were also delighted to meet County Commissioner District 1 Rick Locastro, who was visiting the Garden to discuss with their experts the post-hurricane effects on vegetation.

NBG President and CEO Donna McGinnis, also a GNL alum, welcomed GNL’s volunteer efforts, stating, “With help from Greater Naples Leadership volunteers at this critical time, we can repair the damage caused by Hurricane Ian in order to share the Garden’s beauty

with the world once again. Their timing was perfect as well to help us prepare for the showcase celebration of Mexican heritage holiday Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). It was also a great opportunity to educate members of the community on the importance of sustainable, native plantings in the recovery from Ian.”

GNL President Kitty Keane added, “GNL’s purpose is to give back to the community, and our members were excited and ready to jump in after the storm to help clean up the Garden. We were pleased to have over 30 GNL volunteers contribute on an unusually warm November day.”

For more information about Greater Naples Leadership and their Done in a Day program, please visit GNLwebsite.org, contact Communications Chair Caren Arnstein at 239-300-7055 or email Carenarnstein@gmail.com.

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The mission of Greater Naples Leadership is to provide proven leaders with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the issues and needs in Collier County, and to encourage the use of their skills individually and collectively to better the community.

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