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August 30th
[Kevin Ruane, Mayor of Sanibel](#)
September 06th
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[James Evans, Natural Resources Director, Sanibel](#)
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Guest Rotary Banner
Exchange - Secaucus, NJ -
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Captiva, FL -Eldon Bohrofen

**CLUB SONG ...Giver of all things good, We Thank you for this food, With one accord. Lead us we humbly pray,
Onward in Rotary's way of service day by day, Most Gracious Lord (Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)**

Traditionally the off-season months here in Lee and Collier Counties allows our Rotary Club the opportunity to invite many of the non-profit entities both on and off Sanibel, who have applied for Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Grants, to present an overview of their organization and the type of programming they do to service our community. These presentations provide information and insight to us and the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Board for evaluating grant application requests.

On Friday, August 23rd Sanibel-Captiva Rotary had as our guest speaker, Jessica Goodall, Founder and Executive Director of Eva's Closet & Foundation/ECF, Fort Myers.



ECF provides clothing, shoes, household goods, food, school uniforms, and baby necessities, at no cost, to children and families in need in SWFL. ECF is a multifaceted, social service agency that works to address and empower at risk populations toward maintaining a healthy and somewhat normal life at a vulnerable time in their life. This social service non-profit services on average 1,000 individuals every month who are experiencing poverty in Lee and Collier Counties "In a community of 713,021 people, over 91,858 people live below the poverty level, and 3,000 people live on the streets of Lee County"-Lee County Homeless Coalition Data) ECF provides services to impoverished individuals who are at the highest risk of instability, unemployment, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, criminal activity, and mental health. The staff at Eva's closet comprises of one full -time person...Jessica... and 2 to 3 interns from FGCU, plus volunteers They do it all... from answering the phones, greeting the clients, stocking the closets and shelves, organizing fundraisers and finding needed resources such as housing, transportation, referral and supportive assistance. Eva's Closet is similar in many ways to Sanibel's F.I.S.H and actually, Jessica reminds me of F.I.S.H's President and CEO, Maggi Feiner. They both have the determination, drive, compassion, and work ethic to succeed at helping others with just a little help up and by inspiring others to join them in doing so.

Jessica was somewhat destined to be involved in social work and the mission of helping others in need by her great aunt Eva Engel, who ran Abby's House in Worcester, MA – a shelter for abused women and children. Jessica would help her there and discovered she herself had an affinity to help good people in bad situations. Jessica graduated college with a degree in Sociology from Framingham State College in MA and worked in the field in MA and here in Collier County, FL for eleven years prior to beginning graduate school at FGCU. While still at graduate school and with her own experience in servicing the under-served population of Collier County, Jessica saw the need and opportunity for a more direct and

personal approach to helping people with a board range of needs and helping them get on their feet with dignity and hope. She had her dream and out of that was born Eva's Closet – named for her great aunt. A family member donated space in an industrial park in Fort Myers and Eva's Closet was opened first as a resource for clothing and children's items but with the recognition of other ways that ECF could help with an additional broad spectrum of needs. ECF found other community non-profits, government agencies, charitable organizations, churches, individual partners and FGCU willing to join Jessica by providing help beyond what is physically presented when you walk into Eva's Closet. The growth of Ava's Closet has been amazing and the respect for the work it does and the out-reach way in which it does it has been recognized by the community. Jessica has received the Alumni of Distinction Award from FGCU and selected as a "40 under 40" honoree by Gulfshore Life Magazine. In 2018 Eva's Closet applied and received a \$2,500 grant from the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary. This grant money was specifically designated for the purchase of diapers & wipes, socks, undergarments and sleepwear. Probably an unknown fact: Food Stamps and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits can't be used for diapers, which get grouped with pet food, cigarettes, and alcohol. Mothers who are faced with the inability to buy diapers have few good options. Eva's Closet is currently the only organization in Lee County proving diapers to at risk children at no cost. Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians certainly now understands the work being done by Eva's Closet and Foundation here in Southwest, FL and has a better grasp of the needs presented by our community and how non-profit organizations like ECF service those needs. Our Rotary club is just beginning a new grant cycle and hopefully will receive another grant request application from Eva's Closet and Foundation this year.



Visiting Rotarian, Forrest Elliot presents two beautiful children's outfit to Eva's Closet last week.

