

Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast

*Putting passion for conserving
Florida's natural bounty into action*

It's fair to say Eileen Scudder-Zimmermann is a benevolent force of nature when it comes to conserving Florida's natural beauty and invaluable waters. Since 2009, Scudder-Zimmermann has served on the board, including two years as chair, and actively supported Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast's mission. The Foundation aims to preserve the natural land and waterways needed to retain the beauty and great quality of life that have earned this area so many accolades—before it is too late.

"We're getting a lot done, but there is so much more that needs to be done," Scudder-Zimmermann says. "We're all working to be part of a conservation community that gets behind the effort to save and protect properties important to water quality and our enjoyment of this area's bays and beaches." She and her husband have been coming to Sarasota since the 1990s and now split their time between Sarasota and Chicago where Scudder-Zimmermann saw the impact of the city's Lakefront Protection Ordinance and realized this area's natural assets also should be forever safeguarded.

The Foundation's new Youth in Nature initiative, which provides a variety of nature experiences for at-risk youth, is also close to her heart. Putting her passion into action, Scudder-Zimmermann's talents, time and philanthropy have supported the strides



made by the Conservation Foundation to preserve key properties. She also has made a planned gift so her legacy will last forever. "Time really is of the essence. If we don't move now, those natural lands won't be there anymore," Scudder-Zimmermann says. "We have to protect the things we love here."