



Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage is asking you to

***Be the ONE! 10 days from now!***

***Help Preserve our Habitat, History and Heritage!***

***Double your impact support F.I.S.H. Give online Noon April 9th till Noon April 10th***

**Help protect and restore the last remaining piece of undeveloped shoreline on Sarasota Bay.**

During the 2024 Giving Challenge held between noon on April 9th and noon on April 10th, **all donations between \$25 and \$100 will be matched by the Patterson Foundation** when you choose and give to Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage (F.I.S.H.) as one of your favorite local non-profit organization. This gives you a rare opportunity to double your impact and make a difference in preserving the heritage and habitat of Cortez – one of last piece of Old Florida and one of Florida's last true working waterfronts.

All proceeds of this fund raiser (every penny!) goes to preservation and restoration of our coastal and cultural resources. Remember that FISH is an all-volunteer organization, which means that there are no salaries or overhead costs.

**Why FISH? Why now?** Now, more than ever, coastal Florida needs your help. A growing population and the associated development threatens the beauty and function of true Florida shorelines. Preservation of local habitat and working waterfront communities are critical to maintaining healthy fisheries and wildlife.

In 2000, FISH spearheaded an effort to purchase 100 acres of coastal habitat immediately adjacent to the village of Cortez. This parcel of land – **the FISH Preserve** – represents the last undeveloped stretch of waterfront on Sarasota Bay and encompasses mangrove and wetland habitat that are critical to local fisheries. The FISH Preserve is more than just a piece of land. It represents a community's way of life.

In 10 day "Be The One" (between NOON April 9th and NOON April 10th)  
CLICK this LINK : <https://www.givingchallenge.org/organizations/fish-cortez>

