

DR. M. WILLIAM FREY
Southwest Florida Community Foundation

Bill Frey has been a resident of Sanibel since 1973, and his history reflects strong civic accomplishments in past and present, all of which have been an asset to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Bill has been on the Board of Trustees since 1996 and is a past Chair and now a Senior Advisor. He played a significant role in the formation of its division, the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva of which he did serve as a member.

Initially, Bill graduated from Penn State and the University of Connecticut with his Bachelor of Science and Masters, respectively, and then went on to Pennsylvania State University for his Ph.D. in business and economics. He taught graduate economics at Penn State and the University of Massachusetts and became interested in home building when assisting a former student. A career change and a move to Sanibel to found Sanibel Homes, which eventually became known as America's First Home, was the first of many building and development ventures he has undertaken.

He has been a very active voice in his community's growth as a member of the Below Market Rate Housing Committee on Sanibel, the city's Code Enforcement Committee, and he served as president of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, and the Advisory Board of Northern Trust of Lee County.

The Sanibel Community Church, where he attends, has an important role in Bill's schedule; and he has also served as Chairman of the Board of the Island Theater Wing (Pirate's Playhouse) and was on the founding board of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Center Bookstore and on the Board of the Sanibel Shell Museum.

Spending time with his wife, Lorraine, three successful sons: Eric Frey, Ph.D., Roger Frey, M.D., and Barry Frey, President of America's First Home, is a priority for Bill.