

Elaine Hawkins

Elaine Hawkins lived in New York and Pennsylvania as a child before moving to Florida to attend the University of Miami, where she graduated with a degree in psychology.

Elaine began her career with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Miami in 1975 and moved to Fort Myers in 1979. From 1980 to 1999, she served as vice president of risk management for the Mariner Group. In 1999, she formed Specialty Risk Management Services, which provides unique property insurance program alternatives for commercial risks. In 2002, Elaine partnered with Wes Brewer to found a second company, Private Client Insurance Services, which is one of the area's leading underwriters for residential associations.

Elaine's dedication to the community is shown through her efforts on behalf of dozens of local organizations. She is president of the Southwest Florida Children's Charities, and she was the chair of the 2014 and 2015 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, which benefits the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University music therapy program and the Florida SouthWestern State College pediatric nursing program. The 2015 event raised a record-breaking \$6.2 million.

Elaine also currently serves as an officer for the Board of Trustees of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation. She is also involved in numerous philanthropic organizations, giving both her time and money to the capital campaign for PACE Center for Girls of Lee County; American Heart Association, Heart Heroes, Go Red and Circle of Red; Southwest Florida Community Foundation Women's Legacy Fund; Community Cooperative; Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program; David Lawrence Center; Special Equestrians; Lifeline Family Center; Hope Hospice; Hodges University; 3 Wishes, which benefits Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida and Make-A-Wish of Southwest Florida; and Alliance for the Arts. Hawkins was recognized as a Power Woman by Florida Weekly in 2011 and a Woman of the Year by Gulfshore Life Magazine in 2014.

Elaine has been married for more than 20 years to Fred Hawkins, CFO of Private Client Insurance Services. She has two grown children, Michael and David; two stepchildren, Ryan and Amanda; and three grandchildren.