



Recent Awards & Recognition

- 2021 Selected by **Volunteer Florida** for **AmeriCorps Innovation Award**
- 2021 Selected to serve on **TRIBE Board of Directors**
- 2021 Selected to serve on **BEST Academy Advisory Board**
- 2021 **Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hero Award to Kelli Castro (Saving Our Seniors) & Seniors in Service**
- 2021 **Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hero Award to Kristen Brown (TRIBE) & Seniors in Service**
- 2020 **University of South Florida** “Status of Latinos (SoL) Hispanic Heritage Award”
- 2020 Invited to present “**COVID-19 Response: Virtual Tutoring and Mentoring**” at **National virtual meeting of AmeriCorps Seniors** grantees.
- 2020 Elected to serve on **Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas Advisory Council**
- 2020 **CVS Health Scholarship Award** to participate in **American Society on Aging’s Leadership Institute**
- 2020 **Finalist: WEDU Be More Unstoppable Award (Nonprofit of the Year)**
- 2020 **Finalist: WEDU Be More Knowledgeable Award**
- 2020 **Finalist: WEDU Be More Informed Award**
- 2019 **Excellence in Intergenerational Civic Engagement** - statewide recognition with invitation to present at Florida Civic Advance 2019 Summit.
- 2019 Invited to present “**Innovations to Empower Children’s/Family Literacy**” at **Regional Convening of Senior Corps** grantees in Denver.
- 2019 Invited to participate in **Educate Hillsborough Inaugural Class**
- 2019 **Juvenile Welfare Board Cooperman-Bogue KidsFirst** Award.
(Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MDXFnQJemQ>)
- 2018 Invited to present “**Fundamentals of Engaging/Retaining Volunteers**” at **National Convening of Senior Corps** grantees in Washington D.C.
- 2018 **Finalist: WEDU Be More Brilliant Award for Operation: Veteran Connect Project**
- 2017 **Winner: WEDU Be More Knowledgeable Award for Lowry Park Neighborhood Initiative**
- 2017 **Finalist: WEDU Be More Unstoppable (Nonprofit of the Year)**
- 2017 **Finalist: Tampa Bay Business Journal Nonprofit of the Year in Public/Societal Benefit**
- 2017 **Winner: Department of Education Community Exemplary Program**
- 2017 **City of St. Petersburg Senior Hall of Fame**
- 2017 **Service to Mankind Award** from Tampa East Sertoma

Recent Media Recognition

Channel 10 News April 2020 how TelePals helps seniors. Watch here: [Channel 10 News Features TelePals!](#)

TelePals featured in **Channel 10 July 2020 “Revive and Thrive Special”** during COVID-19.

Feature on **ABC Action News’** Positively Tampa Bay (how we help seniors) <http://bit.ly/2017BeMorePTB>

Feature on **News Channel 8** by Anchor Gayle Guyardo (how we help kids) <http://bit.ly/2017FGPGayle>

WEDU Be More Knowledgeable announcement <http://bit.ly/2017BeMoreWin>

WEDU Non-Profit of the Year. Vignette about Seniors in Service from 4:17 to 5:13 <http://bit.ly/2017BeMoreUnstop>

Fox 13 What’s Right With Tampa Bay <http://www.fox13news.com/news/289532993-video>

Tampa Bay Times Feb 2021 LifeTimes p.6-7 highlights Seniors in Service Foster Grandparent Program

Health and Wellness Magazine Jan. 2021 p. 16 highlights Seniors in Service TelePals as the cure for social isolation during COVID-19. https://healthandwellnessfl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Health_WellnessPascoTampa_Jan21.pdf

Sun City Center News Feb. 2021 article on page 25 honors Seniors in Service “Heroes of Service” award recipients https://issuu.com/newsosfcc/docs/news_of_sun_city_center_february_2021

Observer News Front page Nov. 2020 Partnership between Seniors in Service and South Shore Coalition for Mental Health & Aging during COVID-19 offers no-charge mental health services to South Shore area residents <https://www.observernews.net/2020/11/19/we-can-all-use-a-little-help-through-tough-times/>

Observer News Front page June 2020 Seniors in Service’s Sun City Center Connects website offers one-stop shopping for volunteer opportunities <https://www.observernews.net/2020/06/04/website-offers-one-stop-shopping-for-volunteer-opportunities/>

TBBW Magazine Sept 2020 highlights how Seniors in Service received support during COVID-19 for TelePals from Community Foundation Tampa Bay’s Nonprofit Needs List <https://go.epublish4me.com/ebook/html/10103814#page/38>

Tampa Bay Times Kudos from Ernest Hooper: <https://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/hooper-dont-delay-give-that-special-person-kudos-today/2273615?fbclid=IwAR3ebnb0e-vyPmLCFt9UdeI-AIAVFno-svY65yFKGdtgeZkyrGjxSS1FU60>

Tampa Bay Times on Seniors in Service Film Screening Fundraiser: http://www.tampabay.com/news/aging/Seniors-in-Service-use-documentary-to-illuminate-joy-of-twilight-years_168646189