



SENIORS in SERVICE

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Geared Up News

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay presents the News You Need To Know About Volunteer Service in Tampa Bay!

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, Nov 16, 2016 Food Packaging Event

Plant City Family YMCA
1507 YMCA Place, Plant City, FL
Join us in packing meals for
needy families.

Register at seniorsinservice.org

Thursday, December 8, 2016 "Hats Off to Volunteers" Recognition Event

TPepin Hospitality Centre
4121 N 50th St, Tampa, FL 33610
11:30am to 2:00pm

There's only 1 way into this exclusive, invitation-only luncheon - be a Seniors in Service Volunteer. There will be a sumptuous meal, prizes, gift bags, raffles! Thanks to the generous sponsorship by:



It's 100% FREE ... But only to our Seniors in Service Volunteers. THERE'S STILL TIME! You can serve as little as 1 HOUR to earn your exclusive invite!

Friday, Dec 9, 2016 Food Packaging Event

Kings Point Clubhouse
1904 Clubhouse Dr, Sun City
Center, FL 33573

Join us in packing meals for
needy families.

Register at seniorsinservice.org

Seniors in Service Receives Commendation from Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners

Thank you to Commissioner Sandy Murman and the other Commissioners for honoring Seniors in Service with a Commendation in July.

"Volunteers offer physical, mental, and spiritual support to at-risk children, low-income seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities ... [they] impact the lives of more than 2,000 children and 500 seniors annually ... The Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby commend Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay for helping County residents of all ages through the generous volunteerism of senior citizens."



Hillsborough County Commissioners Al Higginbotham, Victor Crist, Ken Hagan, Kevin Beckner, (Front) Board Chair Susan Boyd, Commissioner Sandy Murman and President/CEO Tammy Criollo

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Forget the politics....
it's nice to have POTUS recognize
our Senior Corps volunteers!

August 26, 2016

America is what it is because we built it together. With collective effort and in common purpose, generations have endeavored to enrich their communities and our country, adding their voices to a tradition of civic engagement that has guided us since our Nation's founding. The America we know today was shaped by the contributions of people of all ages and from a multitude of origins, and we are joined together by a belief in the enduring power of our country's promise.

As Senior Corps volunteers, you have helped carry forward this legacy and set a powerful example of service—one that can have a tremendous impact on the lives of those around you and inspire others to step forward to serve. In your dedication, we see the spirit of shared purpose—the understanding that we are all bound to one another—that is at the core of our national character.

As you gather from across our country to reflect on the difference you are making, know you have the deep appreciation of a proud and grateful President.



***Senior Companion
Volunteer Wilbur Wiggins
Honored as a 2016 Heroes
at Work by the Tampa Bay
Business Journal!***

His volunteer work with other veterans
makes him a hero ... every day.

His secret to success...
"Be a country boy."



So What Do Senior Companions Do?



Senior Companions offer a homebound elderly or a disabled person much-needed support such as companionship, light housekeeping, running errands and just maybe a caring new friend. For someone who feels lonely and isolated, a Senior Companion provides a vital connection to the outside world. Helping someone remain living independently, with dignity, is not only the right thing to do – it's the very measure of our humanity. Thank you, Senior Companions!

Seniors In Service;

9-22-16

Glarisol,

I am writing to express how thankful I am for Seniors in Service to have sent Maria Rivera to me. Maria has been a blessing of help. Maria's assistance and companionship is accomplishing the exact need it was created to provide. I am not a senior, I am a permanently disabled person. My disability makes many necessities difficult or impossible but with the assistance of Maria life has been easier.

Maria has been extremely reliable and has rearranged her schedule several times over the 1 1/2 years she has been coming to my home.

If there is an award I can nominate Maria for, I happily will.

Sincerely,
Reynaldo Gonzalez



Bridging Generations Breakfast

A Gathering to Support Seniors in Service & Volunteerism



Hillsborough County Public Schools Superintendent Jeff Eakins shared his 8 Guiding Principles to build a strong, student-centered culture. He stressed how volunteers are an integral part of the plan.



Superintendent Eakins joins School Board Member Sally Harris and school counselor Rennex Franklin.



Board Chair Susan Boyd shares perspective from her 16 year experience with Seniors in Service from Volunteer Bill Payer to Board Room.

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Bridging Generations Breakfast A Dazzling Display of Community Commitment



Our own Senior Companion Volunteer Gilbert Jones shared his passion for helping veterans. He offers them support and camaraderie without judgment or expectation. His humility and authenticity are an inspiration ... to all of us!



It was a glorious morning of honoring volunteerism and community impact. Our volunteers make it all happen for school kids and needy, homebound elderly and veterans.



Emcee BayNews9 Trevor Pettiford exuded charisma and enthusiasm yet again. Can someone please get that man a raffle prize???



Peggy Leclerc with International Diamond Center shares a moment with Foster Grandparent Volunteer Rackel Perez. Rackel stole our hearts when she said, "I just love helping the kids. Especially the kids nobody else wants. I'm so proud of them."

**Thank you,
Saunders Foundation**

We are so grateful to private Foundations whose philanthropy supports our volunteers' tremendous community impact.

Our glamorous Board Member and State Farm agent Herma White poses with Sonia Jackson Myles, author of "The Sister Accord: 51 Ways to Love Your Sister" at the 2016 TBBJ Bizwomen's Summit



Proud graduates of Foster Grandparent Orientation and Training for new Volunteers in South St Pete



Our New Satellite Office at The Sunshine Center in St Pete

Thanks to new funding from the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County we have opened a new satellite office at The Sunshine Center in downtown St Pete. This will allow us to be closer to our 40 new Foster Grandparent Volunteers as well as the 40 Volunteers we already had in Pinellas. The Sunshine Center has given us such a warm welcome. We can't wait to continue growing our partnership there.



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CEO CORNER from Seniors in Service President/CEO Tammy Criollo...

2016 has been quite a year...

One of the things you can always count on in non-profit work is change. And we've experienced plenty of change in 2016. New funders and growth, new partnerships for greater community impact. We're in a very exciting place with our Foster Grandparent Program. Thanks to new support from the Juvenile Welfare Board, we've been able to grow our program in a way we never have before.

And now we need to ask the community to help fill in where we have a gap to support this growth. For only \$300 per month we can provide a classroom with a Foster Grandparent Volunteer who will be serving in that classroom all year long for at least 15 hours per week with one-on-one tutoring to the MOST challenged students. As you're planning your year-end giving, we ask that you consider a \$300 donation to Seniors in Service to support a Foster Grandparent for a whole month. And our Senior Companion Program can also use your support. The same \$300 donation can provide a client with visits from their Senior Companion for a whole month. We need your help in maintaining the companionship support of our volunteers to homebound elderly and veterans. **WE NEED YOU!** Donate at seniorsinservice.org!

Kindergarteners at Oak Grove Elementary were treated to some special guests at their Zoo-To-School experience on October 12th!



Meet Ms. Charley,
the Tarantula!

Kindergarteners got a chance to see environmental science brought to life through real-life animal encounters. And the experience will go on with integrated curriculum, one-on-one tutoring by a Foster Grandparent Volunteer and Ed-Zoo-Cation nights that will engage the whole family – including siblings and parents.

These kids love it and that makes learning so much easier!



Pinellas County Schools' Dr. Valerie Brimm Joins Our Board

Seniors in Service is thrilled to welcome new Board Member Dr. Valerie Brimm, Director of Strategic Partnerships for Pinellas County Schools. Dr. Brimm oversees the district's Volunteer and Mentor Program, Family and Community Engagement Program, Parent Advocate Program, 21st Century Community Learning program and coordinates Community Organizations, Faith-Based Groups, and Business/Corporation partnerships. Dr. Brimm states, "The Foster Grandparent volunteer program directly aligns with the responsibility of my duties as well as the services provided by this office." We look forward to continuing to grow our stellar partnership and collective impact with Pinellas County Schools and its other supportive partners.



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Commendation

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners recognizes
Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc. for engaging senior citizen volunteers
who help provide support for low-income people in Hillsborough County.

Since 1984, Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay has recruited, trained, and
mobilized more than 700 volunteers aged 55 and over throughout
Hillsborough County. The volunteers offer physical, mental, and spiritual
support to at-risk children, low-income seniors, veterans, and people with
disabilities. Collaborating with more than 150 community partners, Seniors in
Service of Tampa Bay has devoted over 4 million hours of assistance to the
community. The nonprofit group's Foster Grandparent Program, Senior
Companion Program, Lowry Park Neighborhood Initiative, and Retired
Senior Volunteer Program impact the lives of more than 2,000 children and
500 seniors annually. Their many accomplishments have led Seniors in
Service of Tampa Bay to be awarded as Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2016
Non-Profit of the Year for Family Services.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does
hereby commend Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay for helping County
residents of all ages through the generous volunteerism of senior citizens.

Awarded this 21st day of July, 2016



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