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SAVE THE DATE!
October 30th
is the Bridging Generations Breakfast
7:30am - 9am!
Tickets HALF OFF until August 31st!

Special Thanks to Our Funders:

The Corporation for National and Community Service
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Pinellas County Schools
United Way Suncoast
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We were honored to be a **FINALIST** for the Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2015 Non-Profit of the Year!!

The Good News

Seniors In Service of Tampa Bay, Inc. presents the
Good News around Tampa Bay!
Bridging Generations Through Volunteer Service

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

August 19: Hillsborough In-Service Training for Senior Companion Volunteers

August 19: Brandon In-Service Training for Foster Grandparent Volunteers

August 20: Pinellas In-Service Training for Foster Grandparent Volunteers

August 27: Hillsborough In-Service Training for Foster Grandparent Volunteers

August 26: Brandon In-Service Training for Senior Companion Volunteers

SAVE THE DATES!

Oct 30: Bridging Generations Breakfast (7:30 - 9:00am) at the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel. Tickets are on sale now! Normally \$50, tickets are HALF PRICE until August 31st! Bring a friend for FREE!

Dec 4: Volunteer Recognition Lunch (11:00am - 2:00pm) at the T Pepin's Hospitality Centre. There's only one way in to this EXCLUSIVE, heart-warming event - you have to be a Seniors in Service Volunteer. There's still time! Our **"Got an Hour? Give an Hour!"** campaign can buy your way into the Luncheon with as little as one hour of volunteer service. Call Sandra at (813) 932-5228 for details!

Our Head Start and Early Headstart Volunteers Were Honored at the 50 Years of Opportunity Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

When the resounding quote from a group of volunteers is, "I just love working with those babies", you know they're making a difference. Our Head Start and Early Headstart Volunteers in Hillsborough County were honored on June 25th for their service. The Head Start and Early Headstart programs continue to be essential community resources for our community and it's an honor to have our Foster Grandparent Volunteers as part of it.

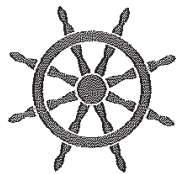


Seniors in Service's Community Partners of Excellence Award (left). Foster Grandparent Head Start Volunteer Rhudine Collier (right) with her former teacher and family friend Olga Barnes (left).



Our cherished Foster Grandparents - Dorothy Sneed, Anita Hayward, Katie Walker, Martha Donnell, Vivian Johnson, Shirley Edwards, Willie Kelly, Doris Saddler, Rhudine Collier, Dorothy Johnson, Joyce Osby.

REAL Help in Schools from Foster Grandparents...



LAKISHA FALANA, M Ed
Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Maximo Elementary is to provide rigorous educational opportunities, promote highest student achievement, and inspire students to become leaders beyond the classroom

ANTONIO SMITH, M Ed
Assistant Principal

July 6, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

This purpose of this letter is to provide a statement of support on the impact that the Tampa Seniors in Service Volunteer Grandparents have on our Maximo Elementary students.

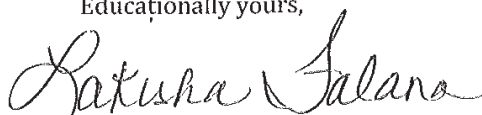
It wouldn't be a regular school day here at Maximo Elementary without the ever present, smiling faces of our Volunteer Grandmas. This year we were very fortunate to have six wise, patient, dedicated and strong women involved in classrooms from Pre-K to Grade 2. These six women put in approximately 5000 hours this past school year, all spent working with students individually or in small groups, inside the classroom. Obviously our classroom teachers have an incredible impact on their students, but our Grandmas come close in second! Having that extra adult on an almost full time basis is simply invaluable and has demonstrated time and time again its impact on the academic progress of our students.

One example of this influence is from our Grandma Pearl, who has been placed in our VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) classroom. Grandma Pearl works one on one with 4 year old students, most of whom come to us in August not knowing the alphabet or how to spell their name. Usually by the winter break (a short 3-4 months), these students can now not only spell their names, but they also know all of their alphabet letters too! A strong Pre-K/Kindergarten foundation can make all the difference in the primary education years. This past year we strategically had 4 out of the 6 Grandmas placed in these grade levels.

The presence of the Volunteer Grandmas in our school also brings a wonderful sense of family to the school day- all of them are in fact addressed by the students as "Grandma" and in many ways fulfill that role for our challenged population. All of them come from the south St. Petersburg area and many of them actually know our students, and/or their families outside of school. Sometimes a quiet word or two of encouragement, or a simple hug can make the difference in the school day for any one of our students; our Grandmas often provide this level encouragement, which is priceless.

We have been fortunate to partnership with this program for almost 10 years. We look forward to the possibility of even more Grandmas being placed at Maximo if the opportunity arises, and definitely many more years of this successful partnership! Please feel free to contact me at the phone number listed above for any additional information required to support the Seniors in Service grant request.

Educationally yours,


LaKisha Falana
Principal

**Thank you, Principal Falana
for your support and kind words!**

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, prohibits any and all forms of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, age, sexual orientation or disability in any of its programs, services or activities.

We Went Luau CRAZY in May for Older Americans Month

One of the great advantages of our programs here at Seniors in Service is that we have group trainings each and every month of the year where our volunteers can learn new skills to help themselves and their clients. For Older American's Month in May, we took the time to celebrate the unique gifts of all our volunteers with a "Luau" themed training! We imagined ourselves basking in the tradewinds of the South Pacific while we played games like "Tacky Tourist" and "Pass the Coconut." Our volunteers loved it and we proved, yet again, that laughter is great medicine (and a fun teaching tool)!



Our staff in their Luau finest!



Remember how to Hula???



The White House honored our Volunteers who have served more than 4,000 Lifetime Volunteer hours.
That's quite impressive!

Student's Mom Nominates Yvonne "Mee Maw" Hendrix for 2015 Excellence in Action Awards

2015 Excellence in Action Awards



Nominee Name: Yvonne "Mee Maw" Hendrix

Nominated By: Cindy K. Sampson

Nominator Student: Lois Kathleen Sampson

Reason for Nomination:

Yvonne Hendrix is known as "Mee Maw" to the children, families, and staff of Lopez ESC where she has served as a foster grandmother for the past 13 years via the Seniors in Service Program. She works with special needs students who are severely mentally and physically challenged; ages 3-22 yrs., working mainly in a classroom of ages 3-11 yrs. of age. From feeding students who can't feed themselves, to accompanying them on field trips, pushing their wheelchairs during presentations, to assisting teachers and parents however needed; Mee Maw is there with a smile, hug, and mounds of encouragement. Her dedication continues beyond the school day while she volunteers at Special Olympics events occurring on weekends and attends School Spirit Nights at Beef O'Brady's restaurant in Seffner; a partner with the school. She has also done volunteer work with the Knights of Columbus group from a local church on behalf of Lopez ESC as they also serve as a school sponsor. She manages these activities despite walking with a cane herself. Ms. Hendrix's vision of serving special needs students began over 20 years ago when her special needs granddaughter

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died at age 2 years. Although working in the corporate world at the time, she set the goal of serving special needs children upon retirement. She thus, began with the Seniors in Service Program and Lopez ESC after retiring from the IBM Corporation. My daughter, Lois, attended Lopez ESC for 10 years until entering heaven on 1/24/14. Mee Maw worked in her classroom during Lois' first 10 years at the Center. Mee Maw has been a steadfast support since the day she met Lois and has continued as such since her death, attending Child Loss Support groups with my husband and I and honoring Lois in ongoing ways. Ms. Hendrix has "Mee Maw" on her license plate and it is the word "Mee Maw" you hear when leaving a message on her phone. The "Mee Maw" of Lopez ESC she will always be and the best "Mee Maw" in the world she will always be to me! Respectfully Submitted, Cindy K. Sampson, PH.D, LCSW School Social Worker—but First & Foremost, proud mom of: Lois Kathleen Sampson, Lopez ESC Student, 8/04- 1/14

Grandma Annette Thomas gets a special note from student James A!

5-7-11
Grandma Thomas,
Thank you for all
you do to help me.
You are wonderful.
James A xoxo



Yvonne "Mee Maw" Hendrix with Cindy Sampson and her husband with the 2015 Excellence in Action Award. Thank you, Cindy, for your kind words and acknowledgement of our volunteer!

CEO CORNER from Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc.'s President and CEO Tammy Criollo

We Need Your Help!!

So many needy in our community need your help and we can connect you to your PERFECT Volunteer Opportunity through our Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)!!

If you've had a drive to give back to the community, now is the time! We need you!

We need to grow RSVP from about 200 volunteers to 482. Being an RSVP volunteer is so easy and flexible.

You can serve as little as one hour in many different Volunteer Opportunities, like:

- Food distribution, food delivery or food bank
- Education - K-12 mentoring and tutoring or teaching elementary students about healthy snack choices and fun exercise that just feels like play
- Senior Companionship - visit a homebound senior in their home to offer them some friendship and comraderie
- Telephone Reassurance - call homebound seniors on the phone ... just to give them a friendly voice.

Please call Sandra Johnson today at (813) 932-5228 for more info ... and THANKS!!

Thank you to The Mabel & Ellsworth Simmons Charitable Foundation, Inc. for your Generous First Time Donation!

Your contribution will help keep seniors independent and in their homes!

**"Got an Hour? Give an Hour!"
And get \$50!**

If you volunteer with us and bring a friend who also volunteers, you BOTH get a \$25 Gift Card!
It's like FREE MONEY and you get to volunteer with your friend!

What Does Seniors in Service Do?

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to engage people in volunteerism, particularly those ages 55+, to help children succeed and elders remain independent by recruiting and training devoted and skillful volunteers.

Our programs are:

Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP): 55+ volunteers can help the community in several categories from mentoring of elementary students to teaching healthy lifestyle choices to kids to providing senior companionship to using job skills to help non-profits become more successful. There is no minimum requirement for volunteering - serve as little as 1 hour. **"Got an hour? Give an hour!"**

Foster Grandparents: 55+ volunteers assist teachers in the classroom in mostly Title 1 schools, head start programs and after-school facilities. This program is a win-win-win for a senior volunteer to stay purposeful, a teacher in a high-risk school to receive caring help and students in high-risk schools to receive one-on-one mentoring and tutoring in their areas of greatest need.

Senior Companions: 55+ volunteers provide companionship and care to homebound, frail seniors. Volunteers gets as much benefit as clients when visiting a senior who needs compassion.

Additionally, we always welcome donations and assistance in growing our organization and mission from people of any age. We even have board openings if you're ready to get involved!

Call Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay at (813) 932-5228 to find out how you TOO can Bridge Generations Through Volunteer Service!

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay - Bridging Generations Through Volunteerism

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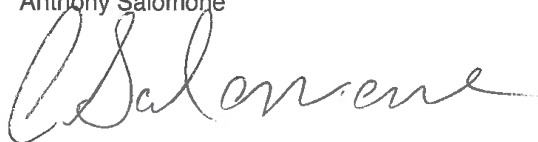
Dear Betty,

I wanted to Thank You for the quilt you crouched for my mother, Mary Salomone. It was a very nice thing to do, what made it incredible was mom, in her 80's was doing the same thing, crouching lap robes, with a group of ladies from a club that would take them to nursing homes for the "senior citizens".

So needless to say your gift contained a lot of memories and we really appreciate what you did and what you do to help mom every week, mom enjoys your company and we love having you here.

Thank you,

Anthony Salomone



Mary Salomone



Calling for School Supplies!!

We are accepting donations of school supplies for several classrooms in our Foster Grandparent and Lowry Park Initiative programs funded by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County for the fall school year. These teachers' classrooms were nominated by their Foster Grandparent Volunteers for being the most committed to their students' success! Feel free to drop off school supplies (or a cash donation!) any weekday between 9:30am-4pm at our office at 1308 W Sligh Ave in Tampa. Thank you for your support!

Ribbon Cutting in Plant City!!

Plant City's getting more volunteers! We hosted a Volunteer Opportunities Fair in Plant City on July 31st.

Thank you, Plant City for your warm welcome!

We hosted Volunteer Opportunities Fairs at 6 locations around Hillsborough County. If you missed them, just give Sandra a call at (813) 932-5228 at Seniors in Service to find out about all the Volunteer Opportunities available near you!



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Back row (left to right): Joan Lamer, Facilitator Candace Watson, Linda Marks, Robin Ingles, Barbara Leasure, Seniors in Service Board Chair Susan Boyd. Front row (left to right): Tracy McPhail Reed, Christine Sheeran

The next Explore Your Future Workshop

Are you retired? Thinking about retirement or a career transition? ... What's next? The mindset was once that you were done growing - intellectually, spiritually, emotionally - at 50. Feel like you have more to live, experience, and add to the world? So do we! Come, "Explore Your Future!"

This workshop will answer two big questions you may be asking yourself:

"What do I want?"

"How do I get it?"

Leave with an action plan plus a new appreciation of the rich opportunities this time of life has to offer. Explore Your Future is a facilitated workshop, helping people 50+ envision the next phase of life, including volunteer projects, lifelong learning and encore careers. Session topics include:

- What Has Influenced Me?
- Who Am I Now?
- How Can I Realize My Dreams?

Participants identify where they are in their lives and their talents, values, passions, strengths, and aspirations. Participants walk away with individually developed action plans based on specific, measurable, attainable, and timely goals and resources for support.

Stop struggling, and get your roadmap for the next phase of your life!

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ComingOfAgeTampaBay or email Robin at ringles@seniorsinservice.org for information about the next workshop offering

Our inaugural Explore Your Future Workshop

The Coming of Age initiative kicked off with a fantastic Explore Your Future Workshop on March 31st and April 2nd. The workshop was held in the evenings at HCC's Institute for Corporate & Continuing Education. The participants focused on managing transition through self-exploration to create a guide map for the next phase of their lives.



Coming Soon...

Capture The Energy Workshop ***ATTENTION ALL NON-PROFITS***

It's here, the definitive unique and detailed workshop for helping non-profit organizations tap into the baby boomer volunteer market. In this 2 day, fully-interactive workshop, you will discover:

- How to change thinking from scarcity to abundance ... Someone turns 50 every 7 seconds. Is your organization missing out on that?
- In 2000, only 40% of baby boomers used the internet. By 2008, it was 74%. Is your marketing tapping into the opportunity?
- Over 30% of people over 50+ who start volunteering do not continue into the next year – that's a \$38 million loss in productivity. Discover what we're doing wrong and how your organization can be the exception to that statistic
- Why the key to future success is creating "compelling opportunities" – that's the perfect balance between organizational and individual needs – and the 3 strategies to get there
- 4 Building blocks of a high impact message to laser target the baby boomer
- The 1 thing that you MUST get right in your marketing message or you're just burning that money

Your organization can't afford to miss this!