

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:

Anyone aged 55+ ... Come for a 1 Hour project to package donated food for the needy. 3 locations:

December 2: Brandon Community Center, 10am - 11:30am.

December 8: Plant City YMCA, 1:30pm - 3:00pm.

December 10: Lightfoot Senior Center in Temple Terrace, 1:30pm - 3:00pm.

January 21: Dr. MLK Day of Service Event at SouthShore Library, 10am - 12:30pm.

January 21: Hillsborough In-Service Training for Senior Companion Volunteers

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

January 22: Brandon In-Service Training for Senior Companion Volunteers

January 20: Hillsborough In-Service Training for Senior Companion Volunteers (Spanish)

January 28: Hillsborough In-Service Training for Foster Grandparent Volunteers

SAVE THE DATE!

Apr 21: Pinellas Bridging Generations Luncheon (Noon - 1:30pm) at Bascom's Chophouse, 3665 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater, 33762. Tickets are on sale now!

A Volunteer 36 Years Strong

Margaret Goodson has been volunteering with Meals on Wheels for 36 years. As part of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), she has done every job at Meals on wheels from food prep to office administration. Now, at the age of 93 she helps out in the office on Mondays. After giving up driving, a staff member from Meals on Wheels picks her up so she can continue to generously give her time to that organization. We, at Seniors in Service, join President Obama is acknowledging Margaret Goodson with her Lifetime Achievement Award for her extraordinary volunteerism.



Andrea Brogen (hot Pink), RSVP Volunteer Margaret Goodson, President/CEO Tammy Criollo (blue), Steve King, Executive Director of Meals On Wheels (black) and other staff from Meals on Wheels

New Training Technology from the Children's Board

We advanced our monthly training technology by leaps and bounds by adding a Promethean Touchboard to our training room. Now monthly volunteer trainings can be more collaborative and user-friendly.



Operations Manager Lindsey Tucker demonstrating the new Promethean Touchboard

*Thank you,
Children's Board
of Hillsborough
County!*



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Veteran Volunteers

Honored This November

Volunteers who are veterans and volunteers who serve Veterans were honored with special pinning ceremonies at their November in-service trainings. We can't do enough to thank our veterans for their military service and for their volunteerism. And we thank our volunteers who serve veterans in need of support in their current civilian lives.



Senior Companion Volunteers with their Pins: Wilbur Wiggins, Gilbert Jones, Morris Mims, Oliver Coleman, Pamela Green, Shirley Hosey, Argentina Nieves, Paulette Claudio



Foster Grandparent Volunteers with their Pins: Charles Thomas, Pin Presenter Mike Evans from the Tampa Vet Center, Manager Cathie Schroder, Alfred Nelson

Foster Grandparent Program Adds Another School!

The Foster Grandparent Program is excited to announce the addition of Delia Sanchez Full Service School. The HCPS Full Service Center integrates education, social, and available resources beneficial to meeting the needs of Hillsborough County School Families (children and adults) to support academic progression. The HCPS Full Service Center partners with over 35 agency resources throughout the county. We will be providing a Foster Grandparent Volunteer in their Head Start classroom. Consandra Barrs contacted us after one of the teachers at Delia Sanchez Full Service School witnessed a Foster Grandpa at an elementary school in the area.

Looking for a Place to Play Bridge? Tampa Bay Bridge Center



Tampa's Premier Duplicate Bridge Club is a full service club offering American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Sanctioned games Monday through Saturday and a monthly Swiss Team game on Sunday afternoon. Free coffee and snacks are provided for every game.

The club welcomes visitors and new members of all experience levels.

The Club also offers lessons for beginners through advanced players by ACBL certified instructors, plus a mentoring program for less experienced players.

First time visitors play for free, a \$7.00 value.

Come Play Bridge with us at the Tampa Bay Bridge Center

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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 Laura Wright today at (813) 932-5228 for more info ... and THANKS!!

**Thank you to the
Tampa Bay Bridge Center for
making Seniors in Service your
Official 2016 Charity!**
The Center will host charity games all year
donating the proceeds to Seniors in Service!

**"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 and reassurance over the telephone. The nation's largest 55+ volunteer program, it has 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!

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Offers Volunteers

Volunteers all over Hillsborough County are doing 1- hour service projects to help the community. Projects are perfect for busy people with caring hearts. It doesn't take a lot of time bring positivity into someone's life. Like we say...

Got an Hour? Give an Hour!



RSVP Volunteers at Sun Sity Towers fill bags of snacks and hygiene products for the needy in Tampa



A child proudly shows off her colored turkey while learning about Thanksgiving traditions at Global Community Church



RSVP Volunteers Beverly Smith (front) and Barbara Cediel do fun Thanksgiving crafts to help immigrant children learn about what it means to be American at Global Community Church

If you have a group who would like to do a 1-hour volunteer service project, call Laura Wright at (813) 932-5228. We can take care of all the details! We can hold a service event at your place or ours. We make it fun and fulfilling! Call today!

a Chance to Do 1-Hour Service Projects That Change Lives

We take care of all the logistics and details of the volunteer service projects to make them fun, low-stress chances for people to help the community. Our projects include food preparation and distribution, educational activities with children, telephone reassurance to homebound elderly and disabled, cards writing for troops and homebound elderly and many more. There's something for everyone who's got a giving heart.



RSVP Volunteer Jeannie West helps oversee Thanksgiving crafts with immigrant children crafts at Global Community Church



Seniors in Service Staffer and Buffalo Soldier Volunteer Vee Corpening enjoy learning through donated educational toys at Global Community Church



RSVP Volunteers and immigrant children share a fun-filled morning learning at Global Community Church



RSVP Volunteer Beverly Smith assists immigrant children in learning about what it means to be American with Thanksgiving crafts at Global Community Church

If you've always wanted to volunteer but you weren't sure what you want to do or you're not sure about making a big time commitment, this is your chance. One hour projects are happening all around town! Call Laura Wright at (813) 932-5228 or register at seniorsinservice.org/events



Keynote Speaker Ernest Hooper from the Tampa Bay Times at the Bridging Generations Breakfast gave us his signature tagline, "That's all I'm saying."



Raffle prize winner David Heiser gets "photobombed" by Emcee Trevor Pettiford from BayNews9 at the Bridging Generations Breakfast

Congratulations to Board Chair Susan Boyd



TAMPA BAY BUSINESS JOURNAL OUTSTANDING DIRECTORS 2015

On November 19th, Board Chair Susan Boyd was honored as the winner of the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Outstanding Director Award for the Small Non-Profit category. She shared the stage with Theron "TD" Hawkins of Achieva Credit Union and Charles Adair of Tech Data among others. Susan Boyd's leadership has elevated the organization's growth and service to the community. She spearheaded the creation of a Governance Committee to oversee the professionalism and accountability of the board. She helped identify high quality board member prospects to increase the board's effectiveness. She also led the board in creating a strategic plan, identifying increasing community awareness as its top strategic goal. That lead to rebranding, website re-design and an enhanced marketing plan (all launching in January!).

Congratulations to Board Chair Susan Boyd!



Special Thanks to our Funders!



***Our 31st Annual
Bridging Generations Breakfast***

A joyful breakfast was had by all at our 31st Annual Bridging Generations Breakfast at the Renaissance International Plaza on October 31st. Our keynote speaker, Ernest Hooper of the Tampa Bay Times sparked guests with his heart-felt tribute to his grandmother and what she meant to him. And the whole room was enchanted when he proclaimed, "I want to be a Senior in Service!" from her inspiration. Foster Grandparent Volunteer Kathie Nosworthy added a comedic tone to her speech when she donned her Halloween costume. Emcee Trevor Pettiford from BayNews9 encouraged the whole room to join him in a rousing "Happy Birthday, Kathy!" as her birthday was the following day. It probably wasn't even the most rousing birthday wishes she received that day because she was on her way to her volunteer classroom right after her speech and she told us how excited the students were about her birthday. And Senior Companion volunteer Asleen Griffin touched all our hearts with her tale of her client. After a stroke robbed him of his ability to speak and read many years ago, her patient and loving companionship has brought him back out of loneliness and frustration. He is speaking in full sentences again and he reads primers that Asleen found online for him with the help of her granddaughter. Our volunteers truly Bridge Generations in so many ways!

Thank you to our generous sponsors and donors who make this heart-warming event possible.

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Operations Manager Lindsey Tucker with our
new server. Thanks, Tampa East Sertoma!

***Thank You to Tampa East Sertoma
for your generous funding for our
new server***

Our local server was nearing the end of its Windows support
lifecycle as of July 2015 and it was necessary to replace it in
order to remain HIPAA-compliant. Thank you to Tampa East
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