



April 2017 Newsletter



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Volunteer Appreciation Month is the perfect way to honor volunteers who dedicate their time all year long to many heart felt causes in the community. The time volunteers give is more valuable than many people realize. According to nonprofit "think tank" Independentsector.org, the monetary value of volunteer time has been determined to be \$23.56 per hour of service. The number of volunteer hours has a direct impact on an organization's bottom line, i.e. more volunteers means less expense to hire a person to complete the work.

As part of Volunteer Appreciation Month, ElderSource is thankful for our volunteers and all that they do to help further our mission in the community. We are dedicating a part of this

Volunteers Make the World Go 'Round



SNAP Volunteer, Barbara Page

A Heart to Help

SNAP volunteer Barbara Page has a heart for helping others.

Ms. Page recently reapplied for SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – recognizing she could benefit from the program by supplementing her grocery bill. While working with one of our agency SNAP volunteers, she decided she wanted to give back and become a SNAP volunteer herself.

[Click here for more of the story.](#)



SHINE Volunteer, Priscilla Davis

SHINE-ing Stars

“I was once told that volunteers make the world go ‘round,” said Carrie Gonzalez, liaison for the SHINE program – Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders – and supervisor of SHINE volunteers.

This saying is especially true when it comes to Priscilla Davis, who has been a SHINE volunteer for almost 10 years. “I have a passion to serve, and I get gratification from helping others in the community,” she said.

[Click here for more of the story.](#)



April 13, 2017 at 6pm

LGBT Lens: Challenges
& Issues in LGBT Caregiving



It's not too late to RSVP!

Please join ElderSource Institute for an important community conversation. The event will open up conversation about caregiving, provide valuable information and resources, and bring attention to the unique challenges for caregiving within the LGBT Community. This event will be emceed by Florida Blue Market President, Darnell Smith, with keynote speaker, Christopher MacLellan. [Click here to register for this event](#)

February and March Employees of the Month



Congrats to our featured Employees of the Months for February and March, Andrea Papaj (pictured right), Outreach Coordinator, and Jacklyn Overby (pictured left), Special Projects coordinator for ElderSource Institute.

Andrea Papaj was nominated for her dogged efforts to get out in the community to share information about ElderSource and resources available, and her sincere heart and dedication in meeting the needs of seniors. She attends about 25 events, presentations and health fairs each month in our seven county area.

Jacklyn Overby, was nominated for her ability to bring fresh ideas to the table while also embracing ElderSource's values and mission with great commitment and enthusiasm.

Part-Time Job Opening at ElderSource



Part-Time Driver - Got RV driving experience? Looking for a fun, part-time job getting out into the community? ElderSource needs a driver for its 32-foot Mobile Resource Center. As part of our mission to serve our clients in our seven county area, we participate in many community activities to encourage people to utilize the resources available through our agency. [Click here to apply and read the full description](#)

ElderSource Receives Visitors from Ukraine



A group of six LGBT rights activists from the Ukraine, hosted by GlobalJax, came to Jacksonville last month to meet with local leaders in the LGBT community. Jacksonville LGBT leaders connected the group to ElderSource Institute, which is quickly becoming recognized for its work and trainings supporting LGBT elders. Heidi Katz, Director of Business Innovation and Development for ElderSource Institute, met with the group to provide an overview of the Institute's LGBT Elder Cultural Competency Training Program, an initiative to educate professionals who work with older adults to better help them understand key concepts, vocabulary, and barriers faced by older adults in the LGBT community.

GlobalJax was able to host the Ukraine group in conjunction with the Library of Congress Open World Initiative. ElderSource Institute, a sister company of ElderSource created in 2015, provides access to the most trusted resources, expert knowledge and local networks on all matters of aging. For more information about ElderSource Institute, contact info@eldersourceinstitute.org or visit www.eldersourceinstitute.org.

Featured in the above photo (left to right): The Ukraine contingent, Heidi Katz (fourth from right) and Jacklyn Overby, ElderSource Institute Special Projects Coordinator (third from right).

Advocating for Seniors in D.C.



Executive Directors Linda Levin (pictured right), ElderSource and Lisa Bretz (pictured left) from Area Agency on Aging from North Florida (Tallahassee), were in DC recently to speak with legislators on the importance of keeping the funding for the Older Americans Act and other programs. We thank Linda and Lisa for being active voices for our seniors. They are pictured here with Congressman Al Lawson.

Save the Date



Age Out Loud Event

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Time: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Location: Flagler County Public Library

In recognition of Older Americans Month, Flagler County residents and those in surrounding areas are invited to an important discussion on issues facing older adults. Guests will hear:

- An overview of recent Legislative activities affecting older adults.
- What are some resources and tools people can use to advocate and share their opinions “out loud” with community and political leaders?
- Find out more about volunteer opportunities!

Click [here](#) for more information on this FREE event!

Annual Senior Expo

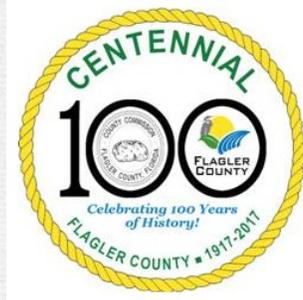
Date: Wednesday - Thursday, May 17-18

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Location: Prime Osborne Center

Join the City of Jacksonville for a Senior Expo filled with great information and resources for area seniors! Other activities include live entertainment, hourly drawings, free health screenings and much more.

[Click here for more information](#)



Free Smart DriverTek Workshop hosted by AARP

Dates: Thurs., April 13th at the West Regional Public Library - Chaffee Road
Thurs., April 27th at the Mandarin Regional Library - Kori Road

Visit aarp.org/jacksonville or call 877-805-4247 to register for the FREE workshops!

Flagler County Centennial Celebration

Flagler County is celebrating 100 years of service to the community on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Please view the link for more information on this FREE event. [More details featured here.](#)

A Night with The Stars

The 2017 Night with the Stars event will be as dazzling as ever! Now in its fourth year, A Night with the Stars continues with all the glitz to make you feel glamorous from vintage cars, to hip gaming tables, a delish light buffet presented by Blue Bamboo Restaurant, and music from the region's best big band orchestra – Crescendo Amelia Big Band – guaranteed to make you swoon and sway. Join us for A Night with the Stars, an event where proceeds assist seniors facing critical needs.

Date: Saturday, June 3
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
Time:
Location: WJCT Studios

Tickets can be purchased NOW!

For sponsorship information call 904-608-3823 or email [Liz Morgan](mailto:Liz.Morgan)



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