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Governor Scott's 'Fighting for Florida's Future' Budget



Governor Rick Scott's 2017-18 "Fighting for Florida's Future" budget recommends \$315.5 million for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to reduce waitlists for frail elders in need of services, expand programs that protect impoverished elders needing guardianship, and assist individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

According to Governor Rick Scott, "Florida has the highest percentage of residents age 65 and over and as our elder population continues to grow we must remain fully committed to ensuring they have the support they need to remain healthy, safe, and independent. We are proud that so many elders are choosing to call the Sunshine State their home, and we look forward to continuing to welcome more



Celebrity Server Night at Blue Bamboo

Local celebrities take on a new role as servers at Blue Bamboo Restaurant for this special event. All their tips are donated back to ElderSource.

February 28, 2017

5:30-8:30 pm

3820 Southside Blvd.

Call TODAY 904.646.1478 for reservations.

Mark your Calendar!

Please join us for these exciting events to benefit ElderSource:

The LGBT Lens: Challenges & Issues in LGBT Caregiving

ElderSource Institute will host author Christopher MacLellan who will share his experience as an LGBT caregiver for his partner. There will also be a panel discussion focused on caregiving, finding support and resources, and legal considerations for individuals caring for their partner.

April 13, 2017

6:00 -8:00 pm

University Center at UNF
12000 Alumni Drive

[Click here to register](#)

More info email:

info@eldersourceinstitute.org

A Night with the Stars

More information to come! For Sponsorship information call 904.608.3823 or email liz@lizmorganpr.com

seniors to our great state."

ElderSource Executive Director Linda J. Levin added, "With his budget increase for Home Care for the Elderly and his continued investments in Community Care for the Elderly program, it is evident that Governor Scott understands the benefits of these programs for frail elders in our state. Increased funding to these crucial, cost-effective programs demonstrates his commitment to serving seniors in the state of Florida."

[Click here to read the full press release](#)

[Click here to view the Fighting for Florida's Future Budget highlights](#)

Workplace Inclusion Statement Adopted by the Board

From coffee shops to board rooms, news headlines to community events and public meetings, Jacksonville residents are participating in and hearing about conversations on the topic of acceptance and inclusion.

To this point, the ElderSource Board of Directors recently adopted the following Inclusion Statement:

"ElderSource values all people - including but not limited to all nationalities, socio-economic backgrounds, abilities, races, genders, religious perspectives, sexual orientations and gender identities - in everything we do. We welcome the unique insights and perspectives of all persons in our quest to fulfill our mission."

We intend to incorporate this statement in all aspects of how we do business, including but not limited to, new employee and board member orientation, interaction with our clients and vendors, posting the statement in common areas of our building, on our website and in social media posts, job applications, just to name a few.

Having this statement sends a clear message that we take inclusion seriously. One of our board members, who helped lead this discussion, eloquently stated, "We just don't want to invite people to the party. We want to ask them to dance."

This is just the beginning of the efforts we are taking to make sure we are sincerely inclusive. We invite and encourage other organizations and community

June 3, 2017
7:00-10:00 pm
WJCT Studios

Other News & Updates

Caregiver Coalition Workshop

"Caring for the Caregiver" Conference

March 11, 2017

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Legends Center
5130 Soutel Drive

[Click here to register](#)

Free Tax Filing with United Way



It's income tax season, and filing taxes can sometimes be a hassle. Get free assistance in filing your taxes this year with United Way Real Sense.

Click [here](#) to find the location nearest you. Reserve your appointment today, spaces fill up fast!

SNAP Volunteers Needed!



ElderSource is looking for volunteers to help seniors sign up for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as SNAP.

There are approximately 32,000 seniors living in Northeast Florida who are potentially eligible for SNAP benefits, but are not taking advantage of this resource.

leaders to examine the climate of their workplaces and consider crafting an Inclusion Statement in order to create an environment where all employees, customers and vendors feel safe, comfortable and certainly welcome to dance.

Hambingo at Hamburger Mary's Jax!

Hambingo at Hamburger Mary's on January 30, 2017 was a blast. Thank you to everyone who attended and was able to show your support in helping us further our mission in the community.



Employee of the Month



Recognized for great passion in her work, Sherrie Keshner was chosen as January's employee of the month. As our agency's SNAP Champion, Sherrie is responsible for recruiting volunteers to help older adults sign-up for SNAP benefits. She is also an advocate for ending senior hunger and attends

outreach events spreading the word on how SNAP benefits can help end senior hunger in the community. Sherrie was nominated for being eager to learn and determined to succeed with the goals set before her. She goes above and beyond her call of duty with volunteer coordination responsibilities and manages to remain flexible in

Volunteers are needed to assist seniors with completing SNAP applications online, advocating for the benefits of the SNAP program, as well as educating the community against stigmas that prevent older adults from utilizing this program.

A minimum of four (4) hours per week is desired. Call 904-391-6688 today or email

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situations where things are constantly changing. She has a sincere willingness to help others. Sherrie is not afraid to ask the "hard" questions and to advocate on behalf of both older adults being reached and her volunteers. Congratulations Sherrie on your achievement this month!

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