

2018 A Night with The Stars: Save the Date and Nominate!



Save the date for the 2018 *A Night with The Stars*, an evening to celebrate and honor caregivers in the aging industry who go above and beyond in their daily service to seniors in the community.

Monday, October 2
6 to 9 pm
The Alhambra Dinner Theater
1200 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

This annual fundraising event for ElderSource is a wonderful opportunity to shine a light on caregivers who are making an impact on the lives of the older adults for whom they care. Funds raised will be used to support caregivers.

You are invited to identify and nominate individuals for the ***The Luminary Award***, people who are "leading lights" working in a myriad of jobs in the aging industry and who deserve to be recognized for their contributions. The event will feature the "Parade of Stars" on-stage recognition of all the nominees and presentations of the *Luminary Awards*. Each year this event also features the presentation of the *Delores Barr Weaver Elder Advocate Award*, a distinction given to an individual who is a devoted supporter of seniors.

Nominations are due no later than
Friday, August 24 by 5:00 pm.
[Click here for nomination form.](#)

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)
[Click here for Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

We Want to Hear From You!



ElderSource is collecting information and thoughts from people about how we can best help seniors and caregivers in our community. Every three years we develop a plan to address the changing needs of our aging population. One of the most effective ways to understand what is needed is to ask *you!* Whether you're an older adult, a caregiver, or someone in the community who has ideas on the matter, we want to get your input. What do you think is needed to

support older adults and caregivers? What would you like to see our agency do? Please take a few minutes to participate in one of the two surveys.

Your ideas and opinions matter to us and we want to hear from you!

If you are an older adult or caregiver, please help us by completing this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNNJ2ST>

If you are a professional working in aging or healthcare areas or a concerned citizen who can lend insight into what is needed to care for our seniors and caregivers, please complete this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXMLLK7>

ElderSource Hosts Scam Prevention Workshop



Last month ElderSource and the Jacksonville Public Library hosted a free community workshop on elder abuse prevention in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15. More than 100 people attended the workshop held at the Jacksonville Public Library Beaches Branch.

Special guests included: Ken Amaro, Consumer Advocate Reporter for First Coast News and Justine Conley, Associate Director with AARP Florida. Speakers offered interactive presentations on how to avoid becoming a victim of elder abuse and financial scams. A Q&A session gave participants an opportunity to dialogue about current issues and concerns of financial scams and elder abuse. For more information on elder abuse prevention visit myeldersource.org

Local Couple Receives Help from Flint Michigan

ElderSource recently received an

unusual donation from an unlikely source -- employees of the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**. Yes, the city that has garnered national attention because of its unsafe drinking water crisis looming since 2014.

Moved by the plight of seniors still trying to recover from Hurricane Irma, the city employees reached out to ElderSource -- finding us through Google -- to provide a modest donation to help someone in need. Through bake sales and other simple fundraising efforts, they raised \$1,000.



Working with the ElderSource Senior to Senior Program staff, a husband and wife needing assistance were identified. Mr. and Mrs. W. had several trees topple over endangering their home. With this unexpected assistance, they were able to have the huge trees removed, just in time before the current hurricane season began.

Many thanks to our new friends at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for their kindness and generosity, even in the face of their own crisis.

New LGBT Elder Friendly Certified Business!



Congratulations to our newest LGBT Elder Friendly Certified Business, **Community Senior Advisors**, a free residential placement service focused on providing education and resources to seniors who are making a transition to independent living, assisted living or Memory Care Communities. We are excited that they have joined ElderSource and ElderSource Institute in our efforts to serve LGBT seniors in the

community.

Community Senior Advisors is among several businesses taking steps to ensure their services are safe and accessible resources for LGBT elders. "The LGBT certification reflects our personal dedication to learning the healthcare concerns facing the LGBT community and our promise to assist in educating and finding communities to care for all family members," said Ellen Brody-Palm, CEO of Community Senior Advisors.

[Click here to learn more about the LGBT Elder Friendly Business Certification Program](#)

For more information contact Linda Levin at Linda.Levin@eldersourceinstitute.org



It's Hurricane Season: Is Your Emergency Supply-Kit Ready?

Hurricane season began June 1st and runs through November 30th. We hope you have a

plan in place and have prepared as much as possible before a storm hits. One of the things you can do, along with creating a safety plan, is to create an emergency supply kit.

Here is a list of suggested items to include:

- Nonperishable food items (enough to last for 3 days or more)
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Water (drinking and sanitation, 1 gallon per person, per day for 3 days or more)
- Prescription and medications



[Click here to view the full list in PDF form](#)

Older Adults with Special Needs: If you have a family member or loved one that has special needs, be sure that they are registered to receive services. [Click here to register.](#)

More Resources

- [Jax Ready Preparedness Guide](#)
- [National Hurricane Center Guide](#)

May and June Employees of the Month



Renee Knight
May Employee of the Month

Renee Knight, Director of Community Services, is the Employee of the Month for May. Renee continually demonstrates her passion to serve not only the clients, but the employees around her. She has been a big team player in making sure staff and client needs are always met to the best of her ability! Keep up the good work Renee.



25 Years with ElderSource!
Brenda Donaldson
June Employee of the Month

Brenda Donaldson, Administrative Assistant, is the Employee of the Month for June. Brenda recently celebrated a 25 year employment anniversary with the agency. She has been willing to take on extra assignments when asked, all the while keeping an upbeat team spirit. Thank you Brenda for your hard work and 25 years of service.

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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.



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