



A Shining Success



ElderSource
A Night with the Stars
Honoring Advocates & Caregivers of Elders



*Delores Barr Weaver Elder Advocate
Honorees*

A Night with the Stars 2019 was a shining success! Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, more than \$30,000 was raised. A portion of the proceeds will provide services for seniors and family caregivers.

We were proud to honor so many leading lights in our community including 40 Luminary nominees and 10 Luminary winners as well as our Delores Barr Weaver Elder Advocate Honorees.

Duval County Judge Gary Flower, Senator Audrey Gibson and Eileen Rodden from Women's Center of Jacksonville, were all worthy honorees for their joint efforts in bringing education and awareness of elder abuse to Northeast Florida. The dedicated work of each of our honorees will help prevent future elder abuse fatalities.

[Click here to read more about the Delores Barr Weaver Elder Advocate Award honorees.](#)

Congratulations to all of our Luminary nominees and winners. Our 2019 Luminary Winners have officially been announced and posted to our website. Click the link below to read about the great ways their service is positively impacting local seniors and families.

[Click here to meet the Luminary winners.](#)



2019 Luminary Nominees

ElderSource CEO Awarded Jacksonville Business Journal's Ultimate CEO



For several years, *The Jacksonville Business Journal* has honored some of the top CEOs on the First Coast. These are leaders who have led their companies with innovation, leadership and foresight.

This year ElderSource CEO Linda Levin was named as a 2019 Ultimate CEO.

Linda has led ElderSource for 15 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that has elevated the importance of aging issues and need to advocate for seniors and caregivers in Northeast Florida.

Congratulations Linda! We appreciate all that you do for our agency.

Governor Appoints Knight to Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged



Renee Knight, Vice President of Community Service at ElderSource, has taken a new step in her career landing a spot on the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. She was appointed to the commission by Governor Ron DeSantis in September for a four-year term.

“We are excited to welcome Renee Knight as a Governor-appointee to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged,” said David Darm, Commission Executive Director. “She brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of senior needs. Her experience as a community transportation coordinator along with her background working with ElderSource will be an invaluable asset to this statewide program.”

Congratulations Renee! ElderSource wishes you much success.

[Click here to read the full story featured in Clay Today](#)

Nassau County Joins AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

The Board of County Commissioners in Nassau County recently voted to join the AARP network of Age-Friendly Communities.



The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities helps communities become great places for all ages by adopting key features such as: safe, walkable streets, better housing and transportation options, access to key services and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities. Age-Friendly Communities promote health, economic growth and they make for happier and healthier residents of all ages.

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

Photo: Commissioner Pat Edwards, Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, FDOH-Nassau Director; Mary von Mohr, FDOH-Nassau; Justine Conley, Associate Director of Outreach and Advocacy with AARP Florida; Janet Dickinson, planner with ElderSource and Bob Bolan, PhD. with the Nassau County Council on Aging.

SHINE Volunteers Available for Free Medicare Counseling During Open Enrollment



Medicare Open Enrollment can be an overwhelming time for seniors, but no need to worry. Our SHINE volunteers are here to help and assist for free!

SHINE Volunteers offer free and unbiased counseling to help you understand your Medicare Benefits and coverage.

Each volunteer is well-trained to guide and assist through questions and concerns you may have

regarding Medicare. Our volunteers aren't just available during Open Enrollment, you can call us for appointments all year-long.

SHINE volunteers serve throughout our service area in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St Johns and Volusia counties. Make an appointment today to get all your questions answered during **Open Enrollment now until December 15.**

Call at 1-888-242-4464 or visit our website: myeldersource.org

[Click here to see when a SHINE volunteer will be in your county.](#)

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our October Employee of the Month Nathan, Staff Accountant in our Finance Department.

Nathan has become an integral part of the agency. His patience, attention to detail and vast knowledge have

made positive impacts on numerous occasions. He willingly offers his skills, recommendations and helping hands whenever they are needed.

Thank you Nathan for all you do to make work more meaningful for our team!



ElderSource's Virtual Caregiver Support Group Featured in Florida Times-Union



Our Virtual Caregiver Support Group was recently featured in the [Florida Times Union](#) and on [Jacksonville.com](#).

“At ElderSource we want to help caregivers, support them and keep them from becoming isolated. We think this is a unique way to reach them and I hope that as hard as it is to carve out time, that they make the time for this. They don’t have to go anywhere to participate and it is so helpful for them to share experiences, to know they are not alone and that they have support,” said ElderSource CEO Linda Levin.

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[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Alzheimer's Awareness Month



Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis proclaimed November as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Help us spread awareness:

- There are 5.8 million Americans living with Alzheimer's
- By 2050 the number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's is expected to rise to 14 million.
- Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States
- More than 16 million Americans provide unpaid care for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia

* Facts taken from Alz.org

[Visit Alzheimer's Association for more information](#)

Events in Northeast Florida



Elder Abuse Support Group Hosted by Women's Center of Jacksonville

November 19, 2019

2pm to 3pm

**Women's Center of Jacksonville
5644 Colcord Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32211**

For details contact Eileen Rodden at 904-722-3000 ext 213

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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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