

Mind & Memory Endowment Fund Up Another \$100,000!

Philanthropists Peter and Gayle Grimm founded the Mind and Memory Endowment Fund last year, for the Council on Aging of Martin County to promote innovation and access to community-based programs for brain health and memory care. They hope others will join them in investing in our community's seniors experiencing memory problems and work to be proactive in addressing issues associated with memory loss.

Through the Mind and Memory Endowment Fund, the Council on Aging at the Kane Center is able to strengthen its existing brain health and dementia care programs as well as develop new ones. The fund benefits programs like early intervention resources to help those with mild cognitive impairment keep their brains and bodies active and connect with a peer support group. It also supports free counseling services for individuals with dementia and their caregivers and free ID locator bracelets, recently donated by WellMed, to help law enforcement find individuals who have wandered from safety. In addition, the fund supports therapeutic enrichment programs including music and art therapy, community outings, brain fitness, veterans support, and specialized exercise classes.



The need for community-based support for individuals living with memory disorders is growing every day. There are more than 7,300 probable cases of Alzheimer's disease in Martin County--and many others who are undiagnosed, or who have other types of dementia and memory disorders. By providing a comprehensive continuum of care from the earliest indication of memory changes to the late stages of dementia, these individuals and their families will be connected to a strong support system that will enhance their quality of life.

"We are grateful to the Grimms for their longtime support of memory care programs at the Kane Center," said Karen Ripper, President and CEO of the Council on Aging. "Through their generosity we were able to bring the Integrative Memory Enhancement Program to the Kane Center in 2016, a specialized program for individuals at the earliest stages of memory loss. Now, with the Mind and Memory Fund, we can continue to innovate and expand access to care."

More people are choosing to make donations through their DAF

There are many ways to support the work of the Council on Aging of Martin County. We are grateful to donors who choose to support our work with a recommendation of a grant through their Donor Advised Fund!

Did you know that you can recommend a grant or grants during your lifetime to make an immediate difference in the life of a senior, or you can use your fund as a tool for future charitable gifts by including the Council on Aging of Martin County as a beneficiary or successor of your Donor Advised Fund?

Please call Michele Jacobs at (772) 223-7803 to learn how to make an impact in this way.

MOTHERS DAY AND FATHERS DAY ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

If you wish to support the mission of the Council on Aging of Martin County, you can do so while also honoring your Mother or your Father...

You can even become a Sustaining Partner by multiplying the impact of your gift with a monthly contribution!

If you wish to make a contribution in honor of, or in memory of, a parent or other loved one, please call (772) 223-7846.

Have You Joined our Will Campaign?

We Invite You to be Part of Our Legacy Society. If you **LOVE** helping seniors and are proud of what we offer our community's seniors, please consider joining our Will Campaign. If you feel like you want to help secure our future, or **you always wished you could do more...Maybe you can!** Please consider including us in your will or estate plans. It doesn't take a lot of money, just the desire to make sure that our community's seniors are valued and cared for, well into the future! It's easy!

All you need is: **Our Legal name:** Council on Aging of Martin County, Inc.
Tax ID: 52-1007762
Address: 900 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997

And, if you are already a Legacy Society member — THANK YOU!! Please contact Michele Jacobs, Chief Philanthropic officer at (772) 223-7803 to learn how.

Kane Center

Philanthropy Insider Update

Special Thanks for our Most Notable Gifts

For the current fiscal year September 1, 2021— April 12, 2022

Over \$60,000

Peter & Gayle Grimm
The Estate of William A. Turney

\$20,000 - \$59,999

Dick & Nancy Cassell
Reza Khatib
Penny McCaffrey
In Memory of R Michael McCaffrey

The Lichtenberger Foundation
The Morrissette Family Foundation
Susan R. & John W. Sullivan Foundation
William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust
United Way of Martin County

\$10,000 - \$19,999

The Estate of Henrietta Blair
Bruyette Family Foundation
Robert L. Crandall
Cummins - Levenstein Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Ann Day
Diane M. Haskett

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Deane and Marty Blazie
The Community Foundation Martin - St. Lucie
Albert M. Covelli Foundation
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Kathy DeMont
Lawrence and Sharon Duhaime,
In Memory of James and Laura Duhaime
Edward P. and Juanita J. Henson Foundation
Florida Blue Foundation
Susan Kramer
Loblolly Community Foundation
Nearing & Dallas Wealth Management/RBC Wealth Mgmt.
Publix Super Markets Charities
Rich and Yvonne Ross
United Healthcare
Bob & Carol Weissman
WellMed
Richard A. Zappala Family Foundation

We are grateful for these notable gifts!

Mark your Calendars!!

Monday, December 4, 2023

The 2023 Poinsettia Power Fashion Show, Luncheon and Holiday Bazaar is one of the season's best fundraising events, benefitting the Council on Aging of Martin County's beloved Meals on Wheels program!

If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please call Michele Jacobs, (772) 223-7803 or email mjacobs@kanecenter.org

Caregiver Workshop a Huge Success!

On Friday, March 24th, the Council on Aging of Martin County hosted our 8th Annual Caregiver Workshop entitled "Finding Harmony: Real-world advice for navigating the challenges of caring for a loved one with dementia", and organized by our own Donna True, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and dementia expert.

Event committee members representing a variety of agencies, work together to plan the event. Presenters included Ron Radcliffe- Senior Helpers; Laura Kremer- MorseLife; Nancy Ginden- the Neuropsychological Testing, Memory & Therapy Centers of South Florida; Desirae Mearns- Com-Forcure, Brenda Woghiren- Granny Nannies; Crystal Collier -Discovery Village at Stuart; Don Hill-the Area Agency on Aging; Carole Hirsch-LifeCare Therapy Services; Dwanne Clayton- Memory Disorder Clinic, and featured caregiver Linda Harlfinger.

This unique educational event utilizes light-hearted skits to demonstrate and compare more effective vs less effective ways of obtaining harmony with a loved one experiencing any type of memory loss disorder. The heart of the workshop is the "Caregiver to Caregiver" presentation, given by a 'real' expert. At this year's event, Linda Harlfinger spoke about her current experience caring for her loved one.

Feedback from an attendee who has attended many professional seminars over the years stated, "never have I been as impressed as I was with the program yesterday at the Kane Center. The topics covering memory loss, dementia and early-onset to ongoing Alzheimer's disease, were over the top undeniable in their truthfulness."

COUNCIL ON AGING HONORS REMARKABLE SENIORS AT THE 7TH ANNUAL SAGE AWARDS

The Council on Aging of Martin County showcased the incredible contributions of seven remarkable seniors at its annual Sage Awards celebration held March 22 at Piper's Landing Yacht and Country Club in Palm City.

The Sage Awards were created to honor standout Treasure Coast seniors who offer their experience, skills and compassionate hearts to their communities, and who display a positive image of aging to younger generations.

The late Alice Luckhardt was honored in the Education category. A highly regarded chronicler of local history, her legacy and voice will live on in her immense body of work and the many lives she touched through her outreach. Her husband, Greg Luckhardt, accepted the award on her behalf.

Dr. Douglas Jewett, founder and CEO of Treasure Coast Community Singers, was recognized in the Arts and Culture category. Through his talent and dedication to his craft, Dr. Jewett helps aspiring singers find their voices and spread joy to others through the power of song.

Alfred Miller Jr. was honored with the award for Community Service. Miller is a multi-generational, lifelong resident of Hobe Sound and a devoted volunteer and champion of the historic Banner Lake community.

Dr. Francis Kleeman was awarded in the Health Science and Medicine category. Dr. Kleeman has worked as a volunteer physician for Volunteers in Medicine Clinic for 14 years and is recognized for his expertise, humor and humanitarian spirit.

Lieutenant General Frank Libutti, USMC (Ret.) received the Military and Veterans Support award. Libutti is a highly decorated 35-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who now serves as the volunteer CEO and board chairman of Horses & Heroes of Southeast Florida, a nonprofit that provides healing support to veterans and first responders through equine therapy.

The Charlie Kane Award recognizes an honoree who exemplifies the spirit of the outstanding senior advocate, Charles W. Kane. This year, the Albert M. Covelli Foundation received the honor for its decades of transformational philanthropy to local nonprofit organizations. Josephine "Jo" Covelli carries on the philanthropic legacy the couple had built together, but she was unable to attend the awards ceremony. In recognition of Jo's particular passion for supporting children's charities, Tracy Savoia with Hibiscus Children's Center accepted the award on her behalf.

Another mainstay of the philanthropic community, Judie Price, was honored with the Chairman's Award. Over four decades, the Price family has supported nonprofits dedicated to helping stabilize disadvantaged individuals and families. The Council's board chair, Nicki Schoonover, explained how Price lives as a role model for those around her. "Her responsiveness to others, her determined and graceful demeanor, her resilience supported by her strong faith, and of course, her classy style."



The Sage Awards was made possible by Presenting Sponsor Dr. Reza Khatib, Honorary Chair Ann Day, The Community Foundation Martin | St. Lucie, Nearing & Dallas Wealth Management at RBC Wealth Management, Richard A. Zappala Family Foundation, HBK CPAs & Consultants, Kathy DeMont, Sailfish Wealth Management Group/Michael Dadko, Stifel Investment Services, Brain Matters Research, Freedom Support Solutions, LLC, Nancy Goethel, CFP, CIMA, CRPC, Mr. Jim Mondello and Jayne St. Marie, N. Schoonover & Associates, Inc., Sandhill Cove Retirement Living, Seacoast National Bank, The Saelzer/Atlas Wealth Management Team of Raymond James, Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Feiertag Financial Group of Stuart, South Florida Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, and HBKS Wealth Advisors.

The Sage Awards is the signature fundraiser for the Council on Aging of Martin County at the Kane Center, a 501(c)(3) organization and the longest-standing nonprofit agency in the county solely dedicated to serving the needs of seniors. Proceeds from the Sage Awards benefit the Council's many programs including Meals on Wheels, the Adult Day Club, case management and caregiver counseling. Learn more at www.kanecenter.org.