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UPLIFT Florida Network

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UPLIFT Florida Network's mission is to improve the well-being of our community members via a network supporting individuals thriving independently in community. For more information or to get involved, contact UPLIFT Formation Body's chairperson Emile Gauvreau: revgauvreau@protonmail.com.

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Suncoast Villages Unveils a New Name and a New Corporation

Suncoast Villages was started by a committed group of Sarasota residents who recognized that connecting with the people, activities, and community resources that enrich our lives is essential to maintaining our health and well-being as we age. This team was ably supported in their efforts by [Deborah Gauvreau](#), a consultant with The Patterson Foundation.

Originally intended to serve the Suncoast region, the benefits of networking with other areas of Florida became clear. Suncoast Villages, now UPLIFT Florida Network, is uniquely positioned to address this opportunity as a hub organization connecting people, organizations, and communities in Florida.

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UPLIFT Florida Network Launches Village Development



The [Village to Village Network](#) was engaged in a national conversation, Reimagining Villages, to explore new models for the funding and operation of villages with aspirations of inclusivity and the desire to thrive independently. In response, [UPLIFT Florida Network](#) was formed to facilitate a new village system using a hub and spoke model.

UPLIFT has been supported in its development by The Patterson Foundation and Sarasota County's Aging Systems Policy Coordinator, Sue Berger, and mentored by several individuals from the Village to Village Network—the national organization that supports more than 300 existing villages in the United States. This support has given UPLIFT the confidence and guidance to create an innovative, second-generation model for the development of villages.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Highlighted in the Department of Elder Affairs Newsletter, [Livable Communities Newsletter](#)

Florida, the dream destination of many older adults, is widely known as paradise. The Village to Village Network (VtVN) model provides an engaging, energizing, and affordable way for older adults to realize their dream of living in their community and aging at home. Read more [here](#).



CallConnect is Entering Its Soft Launch Phase

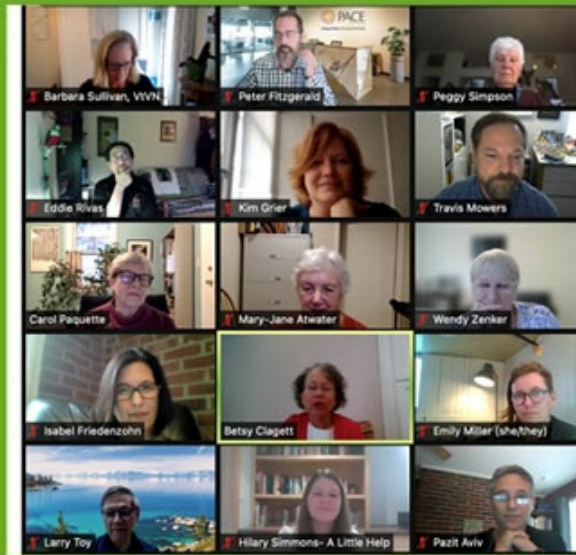
UPLIFT is expanding CallConnect, a calling program designed to reach individuals wanting a greater connection with others. CallConnect launched its pilot program in July 2021 using the CallHub system developed by the Motion Picture and Television Fund (MPTF) in California. Going forward, CallHub will be operated by a spinoff from MPTF called Determined Health.

We hope to serve individuals who wish to have meaningful conversations with others who have similar interests or experiences. Participants in the program simply use their existing phone to call through the CallConnect software system.

To learn more or participate, email CallConnect's Program Administrator, Sue Berger, at SBerger@scgov.net.

“Proceed as the Way Opens”
A Report on the Village to Village Network Gathering
By Barbara Shearer, Co-Lead, Neighbors Network in Lee County

Our Vision for the Future



The Village to Village Network annual conference, called The Gathering, was held on Zoom from October 5–7, 2021. The Gathering offered an opportunity for members to learn best practices from villages across the United States and Canada about new technologies, new features of primary village website management systems, and most importantly, The Gathering provided an opportunity for dialog with Village to Village leadership and with one another.

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