

ASPIRATIONS TO ACTIONS MOMENTS



A Superstar THANKS!

Pay It Forward Award recipient [Manatee County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association](#) gave a superstar thanks to the Stewart Stars on Facebook! We love seeing the positive impact book circles are having on community organizations.



Senior Friendship Centers

At The Patterson Foundation, we're thankful to have a book circle happen at SFC because they share stellar resources back with us.

1. We have established a hotline for older adults to call. If they want, they can have a screened volunteer call them weekly to check-in and see how they are doing. In addition, they can have meals delivered to their home while the centers are closed.
2. The Hot Line is also being used to recruit volunteers. These generous people can call older adults or pick up food and do a doorstep delivery.
3. The Crisis Intervention Program is going strong. People who have a late utility or rent bill (or need to get needed auto repairs completed) can call and do the processing to help them – all over the phone.
4. The Caregiver Resource Center uses Zoom to host four separate support groups, and Robert Rogers is zooming to LGBT support groups.
5. Lastly, all the programs—Adult Day Center, Medical/Dental Clinics, and the Senior Centers—are using the volunteers to call EVERY member, patient, or participant to check in with them and see how they are doing. It is also a great way to update our database.

Don't Forget Your Buddy!

While social distancing can make us feel disconnected, super-friend Kelli Karen Smith shared this heartwarming story of her and her buddy, Richard:

Over the past year, Richard 91 years young (my buddy) and I have created a bond that consists of love, trust, and friendship. We spend 3-4 times a week going to the butterfly garden, lawn bowling, grocery shopping, the theatre, talking, singing, or sharing meals. Since he lives in an assisted living facility, we can't be together. Now we talk on the phone daily, and when I drop off treats or groceries, we connect with our hearts. He loves sitting outside.



Continue the Conversation

A2A Moments is a weekly update of photos, moments of possibilities, feedback, and stories that book circles share with The Patterson Foundation.

Don't forget to send in your tidbits to hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org to be featured in an upcoming A2A Moments!

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