

# 2010 Department of Elder Affairs Communities for a Lifetime Mini Grant Awardees

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## **Elder Falls Prevention Home Modifications Program – Phase II**

**Contact Person:** Tammy Harris, Brevard County Housing & Human Services Department  
**Phone Number:** 321-633-2007  
**Amount:** \$5,000.00

The Elder Falls Prevention Home modifications Program is a collaboration between the Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department (BCH&HS), Community Services Council of Brevard, Inc. (CSC) the Brevard County Commission on Aging (BCOA), Wuesthoff Hospital Rehabilitation Department, the Brevard County Health Department (BCHD) and the University of Central Florida School of Nursing (UCF). The program will support at risk seniors in the early stages of physical difficulty by teaching health care professionals and discharge planners how to work with seniors and/or their families to maintain their loved ones in their home environment through Falls Prevention, and In-home risk assessments and modifications.

## **Hope Hospice & Community Services Parkinson Program**

**Contact Person:** Pam Fico, Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida  
**Phone Number:** 239-652-6928  
**Amount:** \$5,000.00

The proposed plan will provide a comprehensive program for the delivery of care and services to those with Parkinson's disease and their care partners. Provides will have the knowledge and expertise to provide the appropriate care/service. This includes services provided in homes, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, senior housing facilities, and hospitals (in-patient and out-patient).

## **SeniorNet! Intergenerational Computer/Technology Education Program**

**Contact Person:** Tony Lopez, Town of Miami Lakes  
**Phone Number:** 305-364-6100  
**Amount:** \$5,000.00

This program's mission is to provide bilingual computer and technology education to the Town's senior population in partnership with student volunteers from local schools with oversight, program development, and instruction provided by a professionally trained instructor. In addition to providing education, the program will serve as the beginning of the development of a Senior Technology Learning Center.

## Jay Walking Outreach Ministry

**Contact Person:** Will Rushing, Jay First Baptist Church  
**Phone Number:** 850-675-4587  
**Amount:** \$12,500.00

The Jay Walking Outreach Ministry provides seniors with home modifications such as wheelchair ramps, bathroom modifications, smoke and carbon detectors, and other minor home repairs to aid them in remaining safely in their homes. It is the organization's vision to be a resource to the elderly and disabled adults in the community, in effort to encourage happier and healthier living.

## City of Bradenton Beach

**Contact Person:** Lisa Marie Phillips, City of Bradenton Beach  
**Phone Number:** 941-778-4619  
**Amount:** \$2,780.00

The City of Bradenton Beach will implement the very first intergenerational effort on Anna Maria Island, to date. This Communities for a Lifetime community plans to develop a community garden, utilizing "salad tables." These raised bed gardening tables offer a gardening experience to all ages, including disabled individuals. This will offer environmental education and hand-on activities that will, consequently, promote quality health and safety of the community.

## Schell-Sweet Community Resource Center

**Contact Person:** Helen Ridley, ElderSource  
**Phone Number:** 904-391-6615  
**Amount:** \$5000.00

The Schell-Sweet Community Resource Center's Housing Improvement Project will provide wheelchair ramp construction and installation of weatherization, which is estimated to impact twelve to fifteen homes in "New Town," an urban community within the city of Jacksonville. New Town is an initiative developed through the Mayor's Office and the Jacksonville Children's Commission, to embrace families living in an urban core area experiencing long-term economic, health and social struggles.

## City of South Miami's Senior Taxicab Pilot Program

**Contact Person:** Carol Aubrun, City of Miami  
**Phone Number:** 305-668-2514  
**Amount:** \$5,000.00

The City of South Miami proposes a four-month pilot program to demonstrate that taxicabs can operate as a significant component of the elderly transportation system within the community. The program would provide discount coupons to all senior residents sixty-five years and older, on a first come first serve basis for at least two-hundred residents. The coupons would be accepted by the taxicab operator and serve as payment for cab fare. The program's goal is to assist senior residents with the access to low cost door-to-door transportation.

## City of Chattahoochee

**Contact Person:** Elmon "Lee" Garner, City of Chattahoochee  
**Phone Number:** 850-663-4475  
**Amount:** \$12,500.00

The City of Chattahoochee's SOARS (Serves Older Adults-Residence Safety) project assists older residents in safely remaining in their homes by providing home repairs and modifications through use of local volunteers and partners. Modifications provided, such as wheelchair ramps and grab bars throughout the home, help to allow seniors to age in place.

## 360 For Us By Us

**Contact Person:** Steven S. Klotz, Miramar Cultural Center  
**Phone Number:** 954-602-4513  
**Amount:** \$3,239.00

The program seeks to preserve and share cultural heritage and traditions through the arts, encouraging participants to experience culturally diverse/ethnic-specific cultural presentations and events. Using performing arts, it celebrates the community's diversity of age as well as culture, reducing barriers between young and old, replenishing bonds; reminding seniors of their value as experienced teachers, mentors and keepers of cultural traditions while encouraging children to accept and preserve and contemplate their own future. The project targets 50 seniors (65+ years) and 50 pre-school children.