



## 2020 Best Practices Showcase Winners Announced

(July 29, 2020) The Florida Pioneer Network (FPN) announced the winners of the **2020 Best Practices Showcase**.

The 2020 Best Practices Showcase identifies and showcases three best practices of Florida senior-care providers in the area of food and dining, with the goal of creating a repository of innovative and successful practices that can be shared with all providers to enhance person-centered care.

Major sponsors are LeadingAge Florida and Health Care Services Group. Additional sponsors are: Senior Dining Association (SDA) and Claude Pepper Center. Winners were chosen by an Honorary Judging Panel comprised of:

- MaryMaloney, RD/LD/N, Government Analyst II, Agency for Health Care Administration, Division of Health Quality Assurance
- Shawn McGregor, MBA, MCFE, CDM, CFPP, Area Executive Chef, Health Care Services Group
- Evelena Dowling, CDM, CFPP, Director of Dining Services, Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation, recipient of the 2018 FPN Best Practices Award Showcase.

**The Florida Pioneer Network 2020 Best Practice winners are:**

- **Acts Life Retirement Communities submitted by Jonathan Pinsker, Regional Director Culinary and Nutritional Services**
- **Lutz Health Care & Rehabilitation, Lutz, FL, submitted by Holly Gettemy, Director of Nutrition and Culinary Services.**
- **Village on the Isle, The Lofts, Venice, FL, submitted by Karla Oliver, Director of Assisted Living and Memory Care.**

The top three winners will receive \$1,000 award and a plaque for the community commemorating their accomplishment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the presentation of the Best Practice Award Winners will be presented at both the Florida Assisted Living Association and Leading Age virtual conferences.

The public will have access to the winners' materials on the Florida Pioneer Network's website.

According to event Chair Maria DeNicola, MS, RD/LD of Gordon Food Services, "These communities have worked hard to develop some very promising practices that are in alignment with the mission of the Florida Pioneer Network – to encourage person-directed models of care in dining services. I encourage everyone to support their efforts and view the winning presentations. There's much to be learned from each other," she added. The Florida Pioneer Network (FPN) was founded in 2000 as a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals with the mission of working together toward implementing person-directed long-term care.

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