

Senior Resource Association Receives \$10,000 Grant from The UPS Foundation

VERO BEACH — The Senior Resource Association received a \$10,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of UPS. The funds will be used toward the creation of a meandering garden for their Adult Day Care program clients.

“We are very grateful to receive this grant for use towards the garden for our Adult Day Care program,” said SRA President and CEO, Karen Deigl. “The installation of a meandering, healing garden is a critical component of this project as studies show that clients who have a therapeutic outdoor area enjoy benefits like: lifted moods, decreased agitation, more exercise, increased appetite and improved overall health.”

SRA currently hosts its Adult Day Care program in a 1952 RETROFITTED house which has become functionally OBSOLETE. In moving their program to the Schumann Center, SRA expects significant improvements in clients’ mobility and independence, increased enrollment and increased participant and family satisfaction.

“Without the help of SRA Meals on Wheels volunteer and former UPS employee, Dennis Cairns, SRA would not have been aware of this grant opportunity,” said Karen Deigl, president and CEO of the Senior Resource Association.

Dennis also assisted in SRA’s receipt of a \$25,000 grant from The UPS Foundation back in 2007, which was primarily used to purchase a meal delivery van for its Meals on Wheels program.

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In 2011, The UPS Foundation distributed more than \$45.3 million worldwide through grants that benefit organizations or programs, like the Senior Resource Association, and provide support for building stronger communities.

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. Their main focus areas for giving are nonprofit effectiveness, encouraging diversity, community safety and environmental sustainability.

“The UPS Foundation is honored to support the Senior Resource Association’s efforts to enhance the Adult Day Care program,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of The UPS Foundation. “Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community.”