



## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 2026**

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month! Each year VISTE takes this opportunity to honor and thank the more than 1,500 community volunteers who are the “heartbeat” of our organization. VISTE’s mission to enable elderly persons to remain safely and independently in their own homes could not be fulfilled without them!

This year’s event will take place **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00** at First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland and includes a luncheon and awards ceremony. Approximately 275-300 VISTE volunteers attend, including Board and Advisory Board members. Our annual volunteer awards are announced, and recipients are recognized and celebrated.

Event sponsors receive the following benefits:

#### **Title Sponsor – 1 at \$3,000** *(Reserved for Lakeland Regional Health)*

- Opportunity to make brief presentation during the program
- Banner at entrance/check-in table
- Special guest seating at the event
- Plus all recognition benefits listed below

#### **Event Sponsors – 2 at \$1,500 each**

- Signage at the event
- Special guest seating at the event
- Recognition in event social media posts – Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn
- Recognition in VISTE’s April newsletter, sent to our e-mail list of 6,000+
- Recognition on VISTE’s website, VISTE.org
- Recognition on VISTE’s Community Wall at the main facility

#### **Table Sponsors – 4 at \$250 per table**

- Display table during event to provide information and answer questions
- General seating for lunch

THANK YOU for considering a sponsorship for this event. VISTE now serves almost 5,000 seniors aged 70-106 in Lakeland, Mulberry, Bartow, and Fort Meade with essential services. Key programs include transportation (primarily to medical appointments), hot meals, supplemental groceries, ramps, and more. Funds raised will support programs serving local seniors in need. Thanks in part to your support, all services are provided free of charge to our clients!

## For More information

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*Helping seniors remain safely and independently in their own homes since 1983*

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