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Volunteers in Motion Celebrates “A Life Well Lived”

Space Coast Area Transit’s Volunteers in Motion program held their annual appreciation luncheon themed, “**A Life Well Lived**”. Julia Davis, AICP, congratulated the program volunteers by stating, “Many of you are doing this because you like to help people who are less fortunate than yourselves. You’ve learned that volunteering is a rewarding experience, something important to do, and something that helps other people. Yours is ‘**A Life Well Lived**,’” Davis said.

The mission of Volunteers in Motion is to assist elderly individuals who would otherwise be incapable of living independently. The program provides reliable transportation to frail and elderly citizens who are physically unable to use other types of transit services by offering life-sustaining transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies, and grocery stores, all on a volunteer basis.

In a letter to the volunteers, County Manager Stockton Whitten wrote, “Some people may feel that ‘**A Life Well Lived**’ includes accumulating money, fame, power, and other materialistic trinkets. You have chosen to balance your life in a rich tapestry of generous calmness and kindness with your families, careers, and neighbors. You understand that ‘**A Life Well Lived**’ means you need to share of yourselves with others, building a richer world for those you come in contact with. Volunteers in Motion assisted 2,956 clients by providing 5,204 trips, and donating 4,227 hours of time. This program sets an example of how things might be if others were living their lives by your definition of ‘**A Life Well Lived**,’” he stated.

Each of the volunteers were recognized by the President’s Volunteer Service Award Program. Additionally, David Wiltshire was recognized as a gold achiever with over 500 volunteer hours, and Joseph Leacock was recognized as a silver achiever with over 250 hours. Volunteers in Motion’s coordinator, Lori Hamilton, addressed the group by quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson: “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. Yours is ‘**A Life Well Lived**,’” she said.

In its 20th year of service, Volunteers in Motion was created jointly through the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners and Aging Matters in Brevard. The program utilizes Space Coast Area Transit vehicles and facilities. With the exception of one full time and one part time employee, volunteers provide all client services. To volunteer or to request services, contact Volunteers in Motion at 321-635-7999.

VIM_1 Photo Caption: *A few committed citizens can make a huge difference!* VIM_2 Photo Caption: *The Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) named Volunteers In Motion driver Joseph Leacock as Volunteer of the Year.*

