



Merry Christmas Church Family!! My name is Renee Weare. I've been attending SBUMC since 2017. I attend/alternate between both services. I've also filled in a handful of times with the youth Sunday school class. I wanted to share with you what I do (for God) for a living. In so doing provide you an opportunity to participate should you feel led.

I'm a Registered Certified Guardian with the state of Florida. I work for Aging Solutions, Inc. We are assigned vulnerable adults The Brevard County Court has determined to Lack Capacity. These are adults who have no Family or willing family to assist them in making medical or financial decisions. Aging Solutions, Inc. (there are many sound alike companies in the county) exclusively serves the indigent of Brevard, Manatee, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco counties. We are the only company who accepts intake of indigent wards.

Each Christmas Aging Solutions, Inc. does a Christmas gift drive to provide for the toiletry and clothing needs of our wards throughout the new year. Sure, they could have facility soap and clothes from the hand me down or lost and found of their Nursing Home, Assisted Living Facility or Adult Group Home. However, how much better they feel, when they receive personalized items like the others in their facility get from their families.

In the past, employees of the courts have partnered with us on our gift drives. However, due to the pandemic, we are fearful the gift drive may be significantly decreased this year. Therefore, I've taken it upon myself to ask the church family to provide pajama or loungewear sets for our wards this year. The kind of sets you can wear in public or to bed comfortably. Elastic waist cotton or stretchy baggy (please no leggings) polyester knit pants with a loose fitting short or long-sleeved t shirt. We are asking for male and female sets. Sizes Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large. I'd like to suggest if your last name ends in A-C please purchase a Ladies Medium set. If your name ends in D-F purchase a Ladies Large set. If your name ends in G-I purchase a Ladies Extra Large set. If name ends in J-L Purchase a women's 2X set. M-O a men's medium set. P-S a men's large, T-V Men's Extra Large, W-Z Men's 2X Large. Or you may purchase what you feel led to provide. We appreciate all donations. The commercial washers and dryers of the facilities and the repeated washing of soiled items takes a toll on the clothes. We usually provide several outfits throughout the year for our wards. Please do not provide pre worn clothes as the facilities have pre worn, lost and found items they can provide if necessary. The goal is to provide new items to provide our adults with the joy and pride that comes with a new outfit.

I've attached 2 stories on the back of this page to provide you a glimpse of two wards we currently serve. (We serve 80-120 wards each year) Thank you in advance for any gift or prayer you pray. We need all the help we can get to serve our vulnerable adult population in Brevard County. A giant Christmas wrapped box will be in the Church Lobby with an Elves for Elders sign on it for you to leave your donations by December 13th. May Jesus be the Reason for The Season.





This is Buddy. Buddy has a diagnosis of severe mental retardation and has lived over 40 years in an APD (Adult Person's with Disabilities) Home in our county. Buddy was left on the doorstep of a facility when he was a boy. His parents died and his brother was overwhelmed and unable to care for him anymore. Buddy has been in the APD system so long, he has no identifying documentation such as his birth certificate. There is a barely legible copy of his social security card. We don't even know his parent's names. His brother was in touch for a year or so but quit answering the phone. As you can imagine, Buddy has developed some health issues in his older age. APD was having difficulty getting physicians to perform diagnostic tests as there was

no truly responsible person to sign consents. APD made referral to Aging Solutions, Inc. and we have been assisting Buddy and APD for the past 3 years to get the care, dignity and oversight he deserves. Buddy has a limited vocabulary that consists of ball, truck, money, mine and a lot of hand gestures and gruntings. He is extremely friendly, but shy. He has no safety awareness and would absolutely walk off a cliff if no one had him by the hand. He LOVES trucks and trucker caps in addition to any sort of ball. Buddy has no family that we know of. He has to rely everyday on the generosity of the government and the caregivers they provide. He was so excited to receive his gift last year. I kept saying "Smile Buddy!" and this is how he smiled! So cute!!



This is Patricia. Patricia lived at home with her child as her caregiver. One day, Patricia had to go to the hospital for a severe illness. The hospital reported they felt Patricia was not cared for and was near death due to what they considered neglect at home. After several government welfare agencies investigated the allegations were supported and Ms. Patricia was placed in a skilled nursing facility (Nursing Home). After the above occurred, the facility made referral to Aging Solutions, Inc. to assist in the medical consents and financial responsibility for Patricia. The court

determined her child was not a suitable candidate. Aging Solutions, Inc. has been involved for the past 2 years. The child has not once answered the Skilled Nursing Facility or guardianships phone calls and per the facility has not visited her mom. Patricia has had a stroke. She is unable to speak or walk and sleeps most of the time in a wheelchair leaned over to her right side. When bringing her Christmas presents last year, I was pulling items out of the bag one by one to show her. One item was a pair of soft fuzzy pink socks. She saw them, straightened up (the best she could) and opened her eyes wide and smiled! Then she stuck her leg out! I had no idea she was capable! I said, "Do you want me to put these socks on you?" And she just shook her little foot until I put them on her. She beamed from ear to ear! She even smiled long enough for me to capture a picture! Just one of many "awakenings" miracles I get to witness frequently with my job.

