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From Suncoast Villages to UPLIFT Florida Network

Suncoast Villages unveils a new name and a new corporation

Suncoast Villages announced that it has officially changed its name to UPLIFT Florida Network, Inc! With this change, UPLIFT will better reflect its mission to improve the well-being of our community members via a network of supporting individuals thriving in the community.

Suncoast Villages (SCV) was started by a group of Sarasota residents supported in their efforts by Deborah Gauvreau from The Patterson Foundation to serve the Suncoast region. Soon after, interest from other areas of Florida emphasized the need for a coordinating organization for Florida's emerging village movement, and SCV, now UPLIFT Florida Network, was uniquely positioned to address this opportunity.

We had conversations with leaders and organizations locally and across the nation which allowed us to listen, learn, share, and synthesize input that shaped our way forward as an agile learning entity. As a result, in early September 2021, Suncoast Villages began an intense process of brainstorming and researching to create a more meaningful and reflective name for Suncoast Villages.

UPLIFT Florida Network, Inc. was selected and has been registered. The purpose of UPLIFT Florida Network remains the same: to improve the well-being of our community members via a network supporting individuals thriving in community. "We are very excited about the launch of UPLIFT to begin officially doing business," said Emile Gauvreau, the current chair of the UPLIFT Formation Body. We are very appreciative of the strategic and tactical support we have received from The Patterson Foundation, Sarasota County Health Department, and so many others during our startup phase."

Thank you for your support of and involvement with UPLIFT Florida Network. We encourage you to share this announcement widely.

About UPLIFT Florida Network: Connecting with the people, activities, and community resources that enrich our lives is essential in maintaining our health and well-being as we age. UPLIFT Florida Network is a hub organization connecting people, organizations, and communities in Florida through the development and support of villages. It is a part of the network of over 300 Villages across the nation. UPLIFT's work is made possible with the generous support of [The Patterson Foundation](#).