



# Annual Report

## 2025

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# Monthly Socials

'25 Budget \$30,000

'25 Actuals \$26,644

Average Attendance - 92



*Vice President  
Al Shields plans and  
emceeds the monthly socials  
every first Wednesday at  
Quaker Steak & Lube in  
Pinellas Park.*

Carrying on the tradition from the original Minnreg organization - Friday night socials - the MVA hosts a social on the first Wednesday of every month, except August and December, at Quaker Steak & Lube in Pinellas Park.



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# Monthly Luncheons

'25 Budget \$34,995

'25 Actuals \$38,002

Average Attendance - 102



*Party Planner Deb Dupper plans and executes a luncheon every third Wednesday of the month, except August. She is the face of the MVA organization at the door and she oversees all aspects of each event.*

Carrying on the tradition from the original Honeywell Retirees Club, the luncheons serve as the official meetings of the MVA. Attendance at these events continues to increase at our luncheon home for the past five years, Banquet Masters in Clearwater.



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# Member Events

'25 Budget \$11,000

'25 Actuals \$8,815



*Manager of Member Events, Wendy Hugar, plans and oversees special member events - from outdoor picnics to wine tasting to local theater productions.*

These limited attendance events present MVA members with unique opportunities to gather in fun and fellowship outside the limits of socials and luncheons.



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## Community Service

'25 Budget \$42,000

'25 Actuals \$41,089



*MVA's community service is managed by Dr. Gloria Hill.*



*Scholarship winner -Nikhil Rawana, Gloria Hill, Proud Mama Rawana*

Community involvement is one of the two cornerstones of the MVA charter. Since its inception in the early '60s, the MVA has been involved in projects aimed at making Tampa Bay a better place to live. The Minnreg Christmas Carnivals were held into the '90s and the Honeywell Retirees Senior Christmas Dinners were the hit of the holiday season for local nursing home residents.

In 2025, the MVA cast a much-wider shadow across our area.

- \* The association continues to sponsor a local high school senior with a \$10,000 college scholarship.
- \* The MVA partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School is helping faculty, staff and students enjoy a more productive educational environment.
- \* Cash awards were granted to a wide variety of community organizations.
- \* MVA provided in-kind support in the form of diapers and other clothing items for foster children and the homeless.
- \* Best of all, the MVA reached out to the special needs community and invited over 100 special needs adults and staff to a holiday party and dinner on December 6.

MVA is dedicated to vibrant and encompassing community service through financial aid, in-kind aid, scholarships, school partnerships and other outreaches. To qualify for our involvement, community organizations must have an outstanding non-profit rating, be small enough that our participation is significant, and provide boots-on-the-ground services to families, children, veterans and the elderly. A community agency grant application can be found on the minnregs.com website : <https://form.jotform.com/230034932173044>. These applications are carefully vetted before receiving any grant money.

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# Community Service Partner School



Continuing our partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School in Largo, Dr. Gloria Hill replenished the prize closet for the student/teacher incentive program. These goodies are made available to students and teachers who have demonstrated excellence - and the program has become a mainstay of the school over the past two years.

## Partner School Update by Dr. Gloria Hill



On May 22nd, on behalf of MVA, I received the award for generosity, kindness, and a quick response to the needs of students at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School (better known as the "Phantoms"), our school partner. They are a "Title One School" because of the family income per student. I just learned that there are more students at this school in foster care than any other in the county. Needless to say, their needs are many.

Some of you were able to share some of your leftover funds. That sharing has allowed me to procure much needed tools and equipment for the school. Studies have shown that providing students with the right tools is highly beneficial for their academic and personal development. Access to proper educational resources, technology and support can enhance their learning experience, foster creativity, improve comprehension and retention of knowledge, and build essential skills for the future.

This recognition was given by Principal Hawthorne to our team during an 8th Grade Ceremony for students, parents and teachers.

These eighth graders will be moving on to High School. For most of them that is Pinellas Park High School, just across the street.

My intent is to continue our skill building efforts at the High School.

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Continuing our partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School in Largo, The MVA helped support the school's foster family population by supplying school supplies to ensure a successful school year.



We have added a second school to our partner program in 2025 - Richard L. Sanders School in Pinellas Park. This is a K-12 school serving special needs students with comprehensive programs as described below on their website:

*We are a K-12 school in Pinellas County serving students with a variety of exceptionalities. Services available on campus include Speech/Language therapy and Occupational therapy. Our school has four full-time social workers, three behavior specialists, nursing services, and a psychologist to help with any student needs.*

*Our Reintegration VE Specialist works to provide opportunities for our students to return to the general education setting. The mission of Richard L. Sanders is to produce college and career ready graduates by offering a positive, supportive, growth-oriented environment, where students can develop the academic, behavioral, and affective skills necessary to be successful, regardless of the setting.*



*Lots of diapers heading to Angels Against Abuse for foster families.*



*Non-perishable food items to help foster families during the holidays.*

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## Community Service In-Kind Support

### MVA Gives Back

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to family and holiday get-togethers where memories are made and bellies get filled. For many in our community, family is a painful memory and holidays may not bring the joy they deserve. The MVA was asked to provide non-perishable food items for children in foster or protective care. And our members came through with flying colors, bringing in two long tables full. Family Support Services loaded up the van, expressing heartfelt thanks for the support. The need continues, so we have been asked to bring in non-perishable protein items at the November luncheon.



For most of us, there is a strong connection between the month of November and Thanksgiving, and between Thanksgiving and FOOD! For many of our Tampa Bay neighbors, that connection has been lost and replaced by food uncertainty. We asked our MVA members to bring in non-perishable food items for our friends at Family Support Services so they can support Thanksgiving meals for children in foster care and preventive care programs. We filled two 8' tables with all kinds of food items. What an absolute pleasure it is to lead an organization filled with caring and loving

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### Stop The Movement Update

This organization is tightly focused on preventing human trafficking - especially in the Tampa Bay area. We heard the story of Kim Figueiroa, a trafficking survivor at our April luncheon. Many members have requested information about how to stay informed about the organization. You can get involved in the following ways;

Link to our website

<https://www.stopthemovement.org>.

Join the mailing list.

Email [info@stopthemovement.org](mailto:info@stopthemovement.org)

Attend our entertaining fundraising event coming up:

SAVE THE DATE - Comedy to the Rescue, July 18th at Coastal Creative, St. Pete. Comedy night, food, auction/raffles.



### FLORIDA HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

(855) FLA-SAFE (855) 352-7233



*MVA President, Thom Dupper, Stop the Movement CEO Kristin Taylor, speaker Kim Figueiroa and MVA Manager of Community Affairs, Gloria Hill.*

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Family Support Services  
PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES

When a child or family in our community experiences crisis, we provide services, resources, education and support, with care, empathy and understanding. As the lead child welfare agency in Pasco and Pinellas counties, and in partnership with community-based organizations, we improve the circumstances and outcomes for families, provide safe homes for abused and/or neglected children and teens through foster care, and find forever families for children through adoption.



*Jaclyn Citerella, FSS Supervisor, China Hall, Speaker,  
Dr. Gloria Hill, MVA Community Service Manager,*

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Angels Against Abuse (“Angels”) was created by a small group of visionaries who saw a need to provide assistance to children beyond the scope of basic services covered by the foster care system. Most often, these children are removed forcibly from their homes due to abuse, and they are placed in the care of agency housing or private foster homes. The experience is traumatic, and the children often leave with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The Angels team set out to help these kids

- \* by providing goods and services not covered by the foster care system;
- \* helping to reduce the trauma of home removal;
- \* trying to create as many traditional childhood experiences for these children living in non-traditional conditions;
- \* working with children and families to stop the cycle of abuse.

### Angel Programs

Below is a small preview of some of our programs. To learn more about all of our programs and programs with our community partners, please check out our program trifold or our program details.



#### 1ST FIVE/BABYCAT

The Angels have partnered with Directions for Living to launch a new program, now statewide, for Pre-k Elementary Schools to provide intensive services to children under 5.



#### HERO TO A CHILD

Kids can feel like any other kid thanks to the activities provided through our opportunity outreach program. This includes things like covering the cost of extracurricular activities.



#### CHRISTMAS GIVING

Every year we make Magic and put smiles on children's faces with our Christmas Giving Program. Many of these children have never experienced the joy of Christmas.

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# Community Service Holiday Party

Before the pandemic, the Honeywell Retirees Club sponsored a holiday meal for seniors living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. But logistics and safety concerns made it impossible to continue. So last year we reached out to the special needs community and decided to partner with an organization (Always Promoting Independence - API) that manages group homes for special needs adults. We assembled a group of volunteers and worked with the API staff to host a holiday party for their residents. This is truly one of the best examples of MVA impacting the local community. On Saturday, December 6, these folks (almost 100 in total) were treated to a fine dinner at Banquet Masters, a live DJ for lots of dancing, and a gift bag for every resident. In addition, Paul Krahmer, our staff photographer used an instant camera to give each attendee a photographic reminder of their event. The staff at API tell us that the residents look forward to this event all year with great enthusiasm. Pure, unashamed joy was the order of the day - reflected in the smiling faces and energetic dance moves.



### **MVA Volunteer Corps:**

*Back Row (from left):*

*Shirley Murphy, Faith Krahmer, Vivian O'Dell, Brian Pershing, Terri Bremer, Shirley Bowers, John Bowers, Teri Godfrey, Tom Conner, Bea Conner, Wendy Hugar, Thom Dupper, Katrina Pershing*

*Front Row: (from left)*

*DJ Wiggles, PJ Clayton, Gloria Hill, Deb Dupper*

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### Administration

'25 Budget \$32,157

'25 Actuals \$47,943

### Office

'25 Budget \$26,019

'25 Actuals \$24,287



*MVA President, Thom Dupper, oversees the administrative budget which includes all general expenses - except the office expenses. This account is overspent due to the Board decision to settle the \$23K MVA debt to the IRS. This penalty stems from the organization's failure to file necessary tax*

*returns for several years prior to the union of the Minnregs and the Honeywell Retirees Club in 2020.*



*Larry Trefz assumed the office of Office Manager upon the departure of Dave Hewitt earlier this year. The office budget includes all expenses associated with maintaining the MVA office*

### Non-employee Compensation

'25 Budget \$25,800

'25 Actuals \$26,400

*All general staff positions are paid out of this account as contractors on a quarterly basis.*

2025 Budget - 201,971

2025 Actuals - 213,181

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**186 Active (dues paying) Members**

## Members Served

Luncheons	1119
Socials	910

## Supported Agencies

Stop the Movement	\$6K
Angels Against Abuse	\$1.5K
Family Support Services	\$6K
Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School	\$8K
Pinellas Education Foundation	\$2.5K
Special Holiday Party	\$3K

## Luncheon Guest Speakers

Kim Jowell	Pinellas Education Foundation
Kim Figueiroa	Stop the Movement (Human Trafficking in Tampa Bay)
Mike Clay	Chief meteorologist, Bay News 9 - Hurricane preparedness
Caroline Scott	Pinellas County Mosquito Control
Linda Burhans	Elder Caregiving