

# Congratulations and Thank You Joe

By Asleigh Caswell, Hibiscus Court

It was a full house when Joe Steckler, President & Founder of Helping Seniors of Brevard, was honored Friday June 16th at the Melbourne Auditorium.

A record number of attendees, at the 8th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Community Fair event, were treated to a special presentation with Joe up on the main stage while Carol Wheatley, of Power in the Workplace and the Space Coast Prayer Breakfast, spoke about what an amazing man and contributor to our community that Joe has been.

With Joe's loving wife Terry looking on, Rob Medina, from Representative Posey's office, took the stage to present Joe with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the Congressman's office. Congressman Posey speaks for all of us when he said, in his letter to Joe, that he "is truly grateful for his dedication, distinguished and faithful service that he has given our community."

A further highlight came as AJ Hiers, of Boniface Heirs Dealerships, joined Joe onstage to ceremoniously hand over the keys to the Classic fully-restored '51 Ford Victoria that he has generously donated to Joe's Helping Seniors organization. AJ had glowing things to say about his friend of 25 years. The most noteworthy was that Joe never takes no for an answer when he is advocating on behalf of seniors. AJ shared how Joe's passion has a positive impact on seniors and that it is because of Joe that we have such rich resources available to our seniors in Brevard.

AJ donated the Classic Hot Rod to help ensure that Joe can continue to have a positive



Joe with AJ



Joe with Carol



Joe receives Congressional Recognition

influence on the programs available to seniors. The car will be raffled off on February 10, 2018, at a special event at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. Visit [HelpingSeniorsOfBrevard.org/classic](http://HelpingSeniorsOfBrevard.org/classic) or call 321-473-7770 for information on getting your Car Raffle tickets to support Helping Seniors.

I have personally experienced this tenacity for the well-being of seniors. Joe made sure that I joined his organization, although I will admit it took two years for me to say yes! He was steadfast in promoting his organization and getting Hibiscus Court to be a part of it because he knows that we provide an assisted living experience that is second to none. We are of course completely thrilled to be partners with Helping Seniors of Brevard. Heidi Kuchenbacker, Executive Director of Hibiscus Court has known Joe for 15 years and says "Joe is the sweetest man who truly has everyone's best interests at heart".

Helping Seniors of Brevard is aptly named. Under Joe's direction, they help seniors all throughout Brevard individually as well as support programs that make life easier for all of us! If you are a senior and need help, or direction with just about anything, give them a call. **SS**