

United Way honors its helpers

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The United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties/Bright House Networks annual Outstanding Volunteers of the Year award winners include:

- Outstanding Civic Group: Volusia Honor Air made up of three Rotary clubs in the greater DeLand area for flying WWII veterans to see the monuments in Washington, D.C.
- Corporate Group: The dentists of the Flagler Free Dental Clinic — Dr. Vernon Gordon and Dr. Travis Ray.
- Disaster Response Group: The Red Cross Disaster "Go Team."



The Volusia Honor Air, consisting of three Rotary clubs in the DeLand area, received the Outstanding Civic Group and the 2009 Live United Community awards. The Volusia Honor Air raises money to send WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., to experience the monuments. After a trip planned for May 8, the group will have sent 500 veterans to Washington since 2008, the majority from Volusia County, according to Brad Strickland, flight chair of the group.

Strickland said the trips are a way to honor the sacrifices the veterans made and to give back to true heroes. He said each trip costs \$65,000.