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GULFSIDE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION

LAND O' LAKES, Fla. (May 3, 2023) – During National Volunteer Week, several volunteers at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes were recognized for their time and dedication.

Two volunteers received the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, which is given to individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too. The awards were given to Renee Wingeier, a volunteer at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppe in Hudson, for volunteering 8,833 hours of service since 2016, and Joan Foreman, a volunteer at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppe in Lutz, for volunteering 4,590 hours of service since 2009.

“Our volunteers are such a special part of what we do at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes, and because of them, we are able to raise as much funding as possible to support patients in need,” said Aaron Barrish, Director of Thrift Shoppes at Gulfside. “Renee and Joan have given so much of their time to Gulfside, and we could not be more grateful for their time and service through the years.”

In addition to Wingeier and Foreman, awards were given for hours of service volunteered throughout 2022. Eight volunteers received the Gold award by volunteering more than 500 hours, 26 volunteers received the Silver award by volunteering 250-499 hours, and 26 volunteers received the Bronze award by volunteering 100-249 hours of service. In total, the 122 Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes volunteers gave 17,017 hours of service throughout 2022.

Five volunteers were also recognized during volunteer appreciation activities for having more than 15 years of service with Gulfside: Frances hunt with 17 years, Margaret Rice with 17 years, Jeanette Tatro with 18 years, Janet Toth with 15 years and Mary Wainwright with 15 years.

The Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes are almost primarily run by volunteers, and all proceeds from the stores go to benefit hospice patients and their families through Gulfside Hospice. For more information, call 800-561-4883 or go to www.GulfsideThriftShops.org.

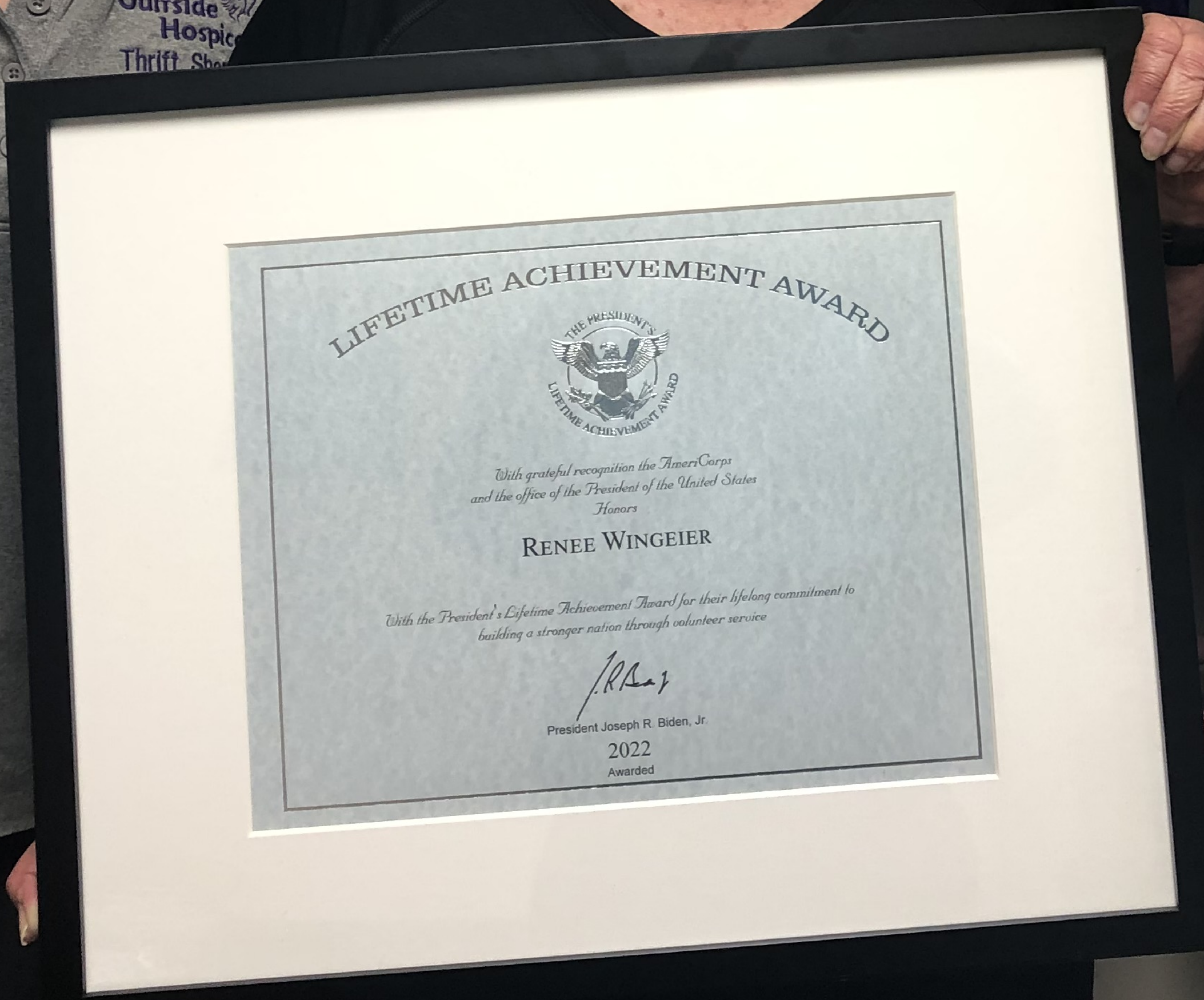
About Gulfside Healthcare Services:

Gulfside Healthcare Services is a non-profit organization serving the community for more than 30 years. Its three lines of business include Gulfside Hospice, offering care for patients at end of life,

Gulfside Palliative Care, providing treatment options for those with chronic illness, and Gulfside Home Health, helping patients stay independent through skilled nursing and rehab at home. For more information about Gulfside Healthcare Services, visit www.Gulfside.org or call 800-561-4883.

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- Photo 1: Renee Wingeier received the President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteering 8,833 hours of service since 2016 at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppe in Hudson. Pictured left to right: Bryanna Tanke, Renee Wingeier, Michelle Cooper
- Photo 2: Joan Foreman received the President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteering 4,590 hours of service since 2009 at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppe in Lutz. Pictured left to right: Joan Foreman, Jennifer Schweikhart





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