

Living Their Values

DUDA Employees Share How They Give Back to Their Communities

DUDA's purpose is to multiply and share God's blessings, and this is often done through philanthropic giving or volunteer activities. Philanthropy is important to DUDA as a company. It is also important to employees across the company, who find many unique ways to give back to their communities. For this edition of TeamDUDA, we surveyed our employees on the ways they give back and would like to share a sample of the many great responses we received!

JENNIE GLEASON, *Wellington*

BECAUSE OF MY LOVE FOR HORSES, once a week I help care for retired horses whose owners have moved on. I am an avid scuba diver and surfer, so I also help collect trash off of our South Florida reefs and beaches whenever I am out on the water almost every weekend.



SAM JONES, *Belle Glade*

I GREATLY ENJOY spending time educating students and local community organizations about agriculture, the importance of land use, and the economic value of our crops and land. This includes local schools and civic groups. Over the last decade, I've met with or volunteered with students and leaders from RCMA, Florida Southern College, Fresh From Florida (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services), and schools in Lee, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

ELENA HERNANDEZ, *Salinas*

PHILANTHROPIC WORK IS VERY IMPORTANT to me and something that was instilled in me at an early age from my parents. I am involved with the Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital Community Foundation helping to raise money to bring improvements to the private, local hospital in the way of things such as: new rocking chairs in the birthing rooms, a memorial patio, historical artwork for the halls, etc. Recently, the foundation began a memorial scholarship in my father's name after his passing. My family and I are now committed to help raise money for this scholarship to help nursing students – giving back to the nurses who took such great care of our dad during his cancer treatments.

(For more information, visit HazelHawkins.com/Foundation)



PEDRO MENDOZA, *Cocoa*

I ASSIST PEOPLE by helping them find better ways to support their families and find homes for rent or for sale.



MARISSA CARAVELIS, *Oviedo*

FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, I've been a part of a special organization called Outreach Love. We tutor and mentor at-risk elementary students in downtown Orlando. Our Mission Statement is "To positively impact the lives of children and help them to become all God intended through tutoring, mentoring and teaching them to hope, dream and work to realize their potential." We're always looking for new tutors, as well.

(For more information, visit OutreachLove.org)

MICHELLE HALLER, *Viera Builders*

I VOLUNTEER FOR a program in Ponte Vedra, Florida, called K9s for Warriors. They train service dogs, then give them to our warriors who have given their time to serve our country.

(For more information, visit K9sForWarriors.org)



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JOE LEON, *LaBelle*

I COACHED little league baseball for 13 years and served on the board for about 5 years. I've also been a board member of LaBelle Youth Livestock for 12 years.

