

# The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation Announces 2022 Community Champion Award Winners and Grants



Four Sevita employees named Community Champions with grants totaling \$10,000 awarded to nonprofits of their choice

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The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation, the private foundation of **Sevita**, a leading national provider of community-based health care and support services, announced that it has named four Sevita employees as its 2022 Community Champions.

In recognition and support of their dedication to volunteerism in their communities, the Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant (\$10,000 in total) to support a nonprofit organization of each Community Champion's choice. The awards are part of the Foundation's fiscal year 2022 grant cycle.

Community Champions are Sevita employees who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to local nonprofits serving and supporting their communities. Individuals are nominated by their coworkers who recognize their devotion and efforts both at work and outside of it.

"We are delighted to honor our Sevita employees as Community Champions," said Whitney Shufelt, Executive Director of the Charitable Foundation. "They and their associated organizations display a passion and continued commitment to serving their community and making meaningful differences."

The 2022 award winners and their nonprofit grant recipients include:

- **Community Champion: Diane Baxter for Shelby Volunteer Fire and Rescue** - Training EMTs and other responders to ensure the rural community of Shelby, Iowa receives the highest standard of care.
- **Community Champion: Amy Meek for Pottawattamie County Fair Board Association** - Supporting the board to plan and host different programs and events for the community of Oakland, Iowa.
- **Community Champion: Gerry Morrissey for Special Olympics Massachusetts** - Supporting the organization as it charts paths for families and individuals to have their dignity, respect, honor, grace, and self-worth affirmed, and reaffirmed over and over every day.
- **Community Champion: Jennifer Sullivan for Sibling Connections** - Facilitating gatherings to strengthen the sibling relationship for children in foster care in Massachusetts.

“Sevita’s core mission is to support individuals in living full, more independent lives, and the best place to do that is in their home and community,” said William McKinney, Sevita CEO and President of The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation. “Our Community Champions make this happen every day while they’re at work and continue to do so during their personal time. We are so proud of the enriching and life-changing work of these incredible Sevita team members.”

The Charitable Foundation has named 91 Community Champions since 2013 and awarded grants to nonprofits of their choice. The Community Champions program comes in addition to the Charitable Foundation’s annual giving program which granted a total of \$290,000 to eight organizations in its fiscal year 2022.

For more information, visit [networkcharitablefoundation.org](https://networkcharitablefoundation.org).

## About The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation

Launched in 2007, The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation was founded by social entrepreneurs who believed that healthy, vibrant communities are exactly the right environments in which people with a range of abilities thrive. Building on Sevita’s innovative approach to specialized health care through new solutions and creative ideas for the people it serves, The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation is Sevita’s commitment to nurturing the excellence and innovation that provides such environments –for the populations served by Sevita, for its employees and for society as a whole.

## About Sevita

Sevita is a leading provider of community-based specialized health care. We believe that everyone deserves to live a full, more independent life. We provide people with quality services and individualized supports that lead to growth and independence, despite the physical, intellectual, or behavioral challenges they face. We’ve made this our mission for more than 50 years. Today our team members continue to innovate and enhance care for the 55,000 individuals we serve. [sevitahealth.com](https://sevitahealth.com)

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