Welcome to the BEST OF SOUTH SALT LAKE 2018
Citizens of the Year

CONNIE & BILL ANDERSON
Bill and Connie Anderson are long-time residents and community advocates.

Connie is a lifetime resident, first attending, and then teaching at Granite High. She was then elected to the Granite School Board and has been our steady, solid advocate for the education our kids deserve.

Bill served on the City Council from 2000 to 2007 and on the planning commission prior to that. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Utah International Charter School.

They are avid pickleball players and have helped our league boom in the last couple years, advocating for both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts.

They make tremendous contributions to civic dialogue in the city. They are always there to discuss the issues – with their friends and neighbors, and with the whole community.
Bill & Connie Anderson
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Senior of the Year

GERDA SAUNDERS

2018

BEST OF SOUTHWEST SALT LAKE
Gerda Saunders was a distinguished professor in the Gender Studies Program at the University of Utah, helping shape the conversation about these issues, and now she is on the forefront of another – dementia and other progressive cognitive disorders.

When Gerda was diagnosed with early onset dementia, she found her voice once again, boldly sharing her experience in first person, a rare perspective in conversations on aging.

Her book Memory’s Last Breath: Field Notes on My Dementia and blog Telling Who I am Before I Forget are nothing short of remarkable. She has been featured locally on Radio West and nationally on the Today Show with Maria Shriver.
“The book is remarkable not only for its fiercely honest, sometimes-poetic portrayal of mental decline, but also for the way the author effectively celebrates ‘the magisteria of a mind’.... A courageous,
Persistence

Definition: To continue in a course of action despite opposition

“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.”
-Winston Churchill

Gerda
The Anderson family has become a legacy in South Salt Lake, now going on four generations living and working in the city.

Kathy and Leonard Anderson were both raised in South Salt Lake, and when they met and married, they settled down and raised their family - Janet, Leslie, Debbie and baby Joe on Vidas Avenue.

Leonard began as a volunteer firefighter, but then worked for the Fire department for 31 years. He retired in 2000, just in time for his son Joe to join the Department in 2002.

Joe now lives on Vidas Avenue, next door to his parents, and Lesly lives on Burton Ave. Lesly has five children who are fourth generation South Salt Lake residents, just like my kids.
The Andersons
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Teacher of the Year

AALIA FIELDS

BEST OF
5th grade teacher Ms. Fields has been an integral part of the afterschool program at Woodrow Wilson for the past two years. Aalia and her co-teacher recently took the new school Lego League to the All-District competition.

The Woodrow kids delivered a presentation about hydromechanics to a room full of judges and then piloted their Lego robot through a series of tasks. Competing with 40 teams, the first-timers almost made it into the top 10! The kids had a huge win, an amazing time and positively represented themselves and their school.
AALIA FIELDS
Woodrow Wilson Elementary
Education Leader

AARON WILSON

BEST OF 2018

SOUTH SALT LAKE
Last year Principal Aaron Wilson put on a Veterans Day ceremony to honor Granite Park alumni who have served their country. School staff found a plaque commemorating former students who died in World War II, which had been lost over the years. In a touching ceremony, they re-installed the plaque and invited family members of the fallen to be there. This gathering not only honored the school’s history, it recognized the importance of military and civil service, which touches the lives of so many students at Granite Park.

Principal Wilson began a new tradition this year – hosting a dinner for the kids before holiday break, with teachers and principals serving up the dishes.

His goal? to make kids know they matter.
Partner of the Year

STEPHEN R. MORGAN
In his three years as president and 37 years at Westminster College, President Morgan ensured the relationship between the College and South Salt Lake became a cornerstone of both communities.

Their professors include service learning in South Salt Lake in their curriculum, providing free research, technical support and hands-on work in many City departments.

The “Walkways to Westminster” program is working. Three SSL youth have been awarded college scholarships and are now attending

Students lead campus tours for Promise kids to get them thinking about college in a very tangible way.

Thank you President Morgan for your commitment to the future of our young people. We wish you well in your retirement and thank you for your dedication.
Stephen R. Morgan
Young Leader

OSCAR SERRANO
Oscar Serrano

Oscar is a 7th grader at Granite Park Jr. High. He has a 3.9 GPA, and he has been captain of several sports teams. He was given the South Salt Lake Fire Department “Good Citizen Award” in 2017.

Oscar is part of a humanitarian trip to Peru this July with Youthlinc. This is a program for high school and college students, but Oscar is participating as a 7th grader. In order to be eligible for the trip, he is:

- fundraising to pay for his trip
- attending monthly team meetings to plan the projects they will complete in Peru
- completing 80 hours of service, working with South Salt Lake recreation to help younger kids participate in organized sports.

Oscar sees no limits to what he can achieve, and neither do I. Congratulations, Oscar.
Partner of the Year

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH CARE
United Way and Promise SSL have worked together for years to help South Salt Lake families have access to low-cost health care.

In 2017 IHC installed a Connect-Care kiosk at the Columbus Center after learning about our community’s health needs. IHC wanted to make it easier to provide health care to lower income families, people with limited transportation options, and people with or without insurance.

Imagine this… When you sit down at the kiosk, you are connected to a doctor over video chat and have simple medical tools at your fingertips to check your temperature, blood pressure, weight, and heart rate; or to look inside your ear, throat, and at the surface of your skin.

After speaking with a doctor, prescriptions can be sent to a pharmacy. The kiosk also includes language translation.

The kiosk was donated by American Well, IHC’s partner in “telehealth.”

If you have not seen it, it is in the hallway right across from the library in this building. I encourage you all to go take a look.
We’ve opened a new location: right here.
Connect Care Kiosk
Community Champion

ADAM BLACKBURN

BEST OF

2018
USA Stars Judo provides Promise kids with a high quality Judo club after school for very little cost, and we couldn’t have designed a better match for our Promise SSL program.

Owner Sensei Adam Blackburn is a phenomenal partner. He holds the youth to the highest standards and is a respected role model.

Sensei Blackburn also teaches classes for veterans and for vision impaired people. You have to see it to know just how amazing that is.
Employee of the Year

JOE ANDERSON

Best of

2018
Joe Anderson has been a firefighter with SSL for 15 years. Since joining the department as a rookie he has risen to the rank of Firefighter/Engineer.

Not only does he drive a firetruck, Joe sees that the personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus is ready for deployment at all times. Our firefighters would not be able to perform the life saving measures they do on a daily basis without this critical support.

Joe always has the firefighters’ wellbeing and citizen safety in the forefront of his mind. He is humble, humorous and very easy going. It may not surprise you to know that he played basketball and treats his fellow firefighters like a team. Many employees consider him not just a coach and mentor but a true friend.
Council Champion

SHARLA BEVERLY
In 2017 Sharla Beverly was re-elected to the Council in District 3 with 66% of the vote. Her constituents know she is listening to them and looking out for them.

Sharla is a reading coach for Granite School District after teaching at Roosevelt Elementary for 19 years. While at Roosevelt, she participated in the Promise SSL program from the school side of things and became a key advocate for helping kids succeed.

Sharla is a champion for efforts to make our city a better place for people. She has a love for the arts, music, good food, and fun. She enthusiastically supports Community Movie Night, a new food truck ordinance, the Creative Industry Zone, the expansion of Fitts Park, and downtown projects.

She steps into every council meeting with a positive attitude and poise. She never hesitates to pay a compliment, give credit where it is due, and speak honestly and earnestly about the issues.
Spirit of Community

New Start Auto & Edwards Automotive

BEST OF 2018

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Each holiday season community members go above and beyond to ensure families in need are included in the spirit of giving.

In 2017 our family liaisons learned of two families that were in dire need of cars to keep their families financially afloat.

Edwards Automotive approached New Start Auto to partner together and donate two repaired vehicles. Matt Edwards worked overtime and overnighted parts to get the cars in tip top shape in time for Christmas.

Thank you Matt, Ben, and Justin for your hard work and selfless gifts.
Volunteer of the Year
Purrfect Pawprints

2018

BEST OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
Anne Marie Fuller’s non-profit organization, Purrfect Pawprints, steps in to save lives and to fulfill nearly every one of our animal shelter’s needs.

Anne Marie provides complimentary spay/neuter services to our shelter animals – raising funds for the surgeries and transportation.

She comes in almost weekly to take our animals out to local pet adoptions, like PetSmart.

With her boundless energy and passion, Purrfect Pawprints was able to save 500 animals in 2017.

We are incredibly grateful for the help she has given to our shelter staff and animals.
Community Builder

ATILLA PAPP
Attila Papp created the Stand up for SSL Facebook Page one year ago to rally and engage residents and businesses when the homeless resource center discussions began.

He provided critical updates and monitored the conversation about the issue. Literally hundreds of people spoke out, grabbed a yard sign and attended meetings at the capital, city hall and other town hall meetings.

He has since kept the Facebook page and group engaged and informed while striving to keep a positive, proactive tone in the conversation. With 260 members now, this is the most resident driven outreach and communication the City has ever seen.
STAND UP FOR SALT LAKE
SAY NO to a HOMELESS SHELTER in our neighborhoods
www.stand-up-saltlake.com
Business Volunteers

SAVAGE SERVICES
Savage has volunteered with South Salt Lake since 2011 as supporters of United Way Day of Caring. In the last seven years they have brought in hundreds of volunteers and thousands of dollars in donations.

Their team brings not just people, but construction equipment, equipment operators, and materials, too—tackling projects like new patios, excavation, demolition, painting and landscaping.

Last year, 110 volunteers painted three homes on Claybourne Ave in our Community Connection neighborhood. They also landscaped homes, trimmed trees, and cleaned up yards as well. One recipient was brought to tears in gratitude.

Members of their staff are reading mentors in our afterschool programs and donate to Promise programs through United Way.
Best Wings

STELLAR WINGS

2018

BEST OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
Maggie Reymundo always wanted to open a restaurant. Her kids encouraged her and invested in her business, and then put her to work!

Stellar Wings opened in 2017 with an outer space theme (because Maggie loves space) and a promise that their food is "out of this world good." Just one taste of their Galactic Chicken Fries and you will agree.

I will admit I am a regular here. I go because the food is fantastic, it fills up teenage and tweenage boys, and it is always a delight to talk to Maggie.

She is a bundle of energy. She runs the kitchen, the register, and keeps a kids dining and play area full of fun.
FLAVORS

- Garlic Parmesan
- BBQ
- Honey BBQ
- Mango
- Sweet & Sour
- Mild
- Chipotle Mild
- Medium Hot
- Parmesan Buffalo
- Zesty Blue Cheese
- Zesty Cilantro
- Sweet Chili Mango
- Sweet Red Chili
- Mango Habanero
- Honey Chipotle
- Chipotle Hot
- Buffalo Hot
- Extra Hot
- Atomic Hot

DRESSINGS

SM $.49    MED $.99    LG $2.00
The Best Galactic Chicken Fries in Town
THINK LIKE A PROTON ALWAYS POSITIVE
Stellar Wings
Best Nail Salon

FANTASY NAILS

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Best Pizza
THE PIE

BEST OF
The Pie Pizzeria
Never has a business been so long awaited. I heard the gasps when the project was first announced. I heard, “How much longer until the Pie opens?” at nearly every meeting. And then at last, in October, I heard shrieks as new customers poured into the Pie for their first slice. I live three blocks away, and yes, I could hear those shrieks.

The Pie Pizzeria already has a cult following. And now the hungry mob can stroll down their neighborhood street to eat in arguably the hippest restaurant in South Salt Lake.

As the weather warms, I look forward to the mountain view on the outdoor patio, to enjoy cheese pull-a-parts, a giant salad, and a slice of Holy Shiitake Pie.

Thank you Pie Pizzeria, for elevating our city’s dining and social scene.
Diane and Rich Sheya opened Salt Lake Culinary in 2015. They were new to our city, new to their business after full careers in other fields, and new to the beautiful space at the Kimball building. Only months later, they were fully embedded in our community, and reaching out in all directions.

They teach classes in every culinary tradition to people of all ages, and are the warmest and most hard-working people you could ever wish to know. And you WILL get to know them – they are the ultimate hosts.

They fill their kitchens with Thanksgiving turkeys, stuffing, potatoes and all the fixings for the annual PAL Service Project. There is literally a turkey in every oven! Their space is filled with dinners-to-go, and kids of all ages prepare the meals that will be delivered to families in need.
SALT LAKE
CULINARY CENTER
Best Employer

WINCO
When we began our downtown master plan, I can’t count how many times I got the advice, “First, build a grocery store.”

Winco built an 85,000 sq ft store as the anchor in our new downtown. Is it now one of the top 15 highest sales tax producers in SSL.

The store employs close to 200 full and part time employees, many of whom are South Salt Lake residents.

But the best part is Winco is 100% employee owned. Every employee who works a minimum number of hours is eligible for the Employee Stock Ownership Program. All contributions to this plan are made by the company, leaving employees with more take-home pay. This is a central part of their company’s success, and one that ensures more prosperity in our city.

Thank you, WinCo for joining our community and making our family part of your family.
Community Advocate

Senator Gene Davis

2018

BEST OF

SOUTH SALT LAKE
South Salt Lake was disappointed to be ultimately selected for the location of the new homeless resource center. But my staff went into action and identified resources needed to mitigate its potential impacts, so we could ask for assistance from the State Legislature.

Senator Gene Davis has been at the state capitol for 20 years, and always looks out for South Salt Lake. We are fortunate he has worked his way up to Senate Minority Leader and represents our city with vision and tact. This year Senator Davis sponsored Senate Bill 235 and fought hard to get us $2.6 million per year for 12 police officers and 12 firefighters, needed to mitigate the impacts of the homeless resource center.

He brought many people onto the bill’s support list and it passed with 2/3 majority at 10:35 PM, on day 45 of the legislative session. We are fortunate to have Senator Davis standing firmly by our side. Thank you, Senator Davis
Congratulations
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