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Jay Brubaker

Co-Founder | Fleet & Security Director | Positive Impact ST. PETE

Jay Brubaker is a co-founder of Positive Impact's work in South St. Petersburg. In 2003, he and his wife, Dr. Karalynne Brubaker, established Positive Impact Worldwide Inc., and in 2006 Positive Impact Church was established on 34th Street South. The food ministry that grew from the church's outreach continues to serve families throughout the community today.

For more than two decades, Jay has played an integral, hands-on role in that work. Today, he serves as Co-Founder and Fleet & Security Director for Positive Impact ST. PETE, helping oversee the organization's fleet while serving as a primary driver responsible for food pickups from community and retail partners. Week after week, he is behind the wheel of one of Positive Impact's box trucks, helping ensure nutritious food reaches the nearly 1,000 households served through the Saturday community grocery distribution.

Jay also oversees security for Positive Impact's weekly distribution, drawing upon more than five decades of experience in law enforcement and public safety. As Positive Impact develops The Impact Center, Jay will help guide security planning and operations to create a safe and welcoming environment for neighbors, volunteers, staff, and community partners.

Service has been a defining theme throughout Jay's life. He has served the St. Petersburg community for more than 50 years through the St. Petersburg Police Department and St. Petersburg Police Reserve Unit and has shared his experience with future generations of law-enforcement professionals through his work with the St. Petersburg College Law Enforcement Academy.

His commitment to service has been recognized throughout the community. Jay was named St. Petersburg Police Reserve Officer of the Year in 2013, received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award in 2017, was awarded Keys to the City of St. Petersburg in 2019, and has been recognized by Spectrum Bay News 9 as an Everyday Hero.

Whether driving a box truck before sunrise, transporting food, caring for the organization's vehicles, helping ensure the safety of hundreds of families and volunteers, or quietly doing whatever needs to be done, Jay embodies Positive Impact's belief that leadership is stewardship and that meaningful impact is built through faithful service over time.

Together, Jay and Karalynne are the proud parents of three daughters, grandparents of eight granddaughters, and great-grandparents to one great-grandson. Their more than two decades of service have helped establish the foundation upon which Positive Impact ST. PETE continues to grow and serve the community today.