



Patty Mitchell

Patty Mitchell is described as having a servant's heart and has spent her lifetime in community service focused on the needs of others. She began by helping those with physical and mental challenges and working to ensure that those low income or disadvantaged homeowners who needed a new roof or access ramp got one.

As an active volunteer for the Leon County Literacy program Patty was inspired to pursue her own lifelong goal of attending college. At the age of 40 she enrolled at TCC and graduated with honors. Patty continued her volunteer work with the Brogan Museum and Elder Care Services. After working for years to create the HOPE community, she and her family collaborated with TCC to create the Jeanie Barnett Scholarship which is named in her mother's name and provides TCC scholarships to residents of the HOPE community.

Patty has long been involved in animal rescue and one of her greatest contributions was to bring the READ Program (Reading Education Assistance Dog) to our area. The program has grown from 2 teams in 2 schools to 32 teams in 15 schools, plus libraries and the after school programs. Under her leadership nearly 1000 students have improved at least one grade level in their reading skills.