

PHOTO BY SARAH WILSON - CENTRAL FLORIDA SENIOR Members of the 'Tech Team' Vera. Stacia and Elizabeth work on iPads with the help of Team Elliott instructor Joel Fuller, who helps them with games geared to improve memory.

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## TECH | Trainers can get seniors started with even basic tech

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE Living at John Knox Village in Orange City, they set up a Skype station for residents to use, and are teaching them how to use it, teaching them the future of communication, stepby-step, for the first time.

At Serenades by Sonata, a memory care assisted living facility in Longwood, all of its residents have some form of dementia, but nearly all of them enjoy "Tech Team" classes put on by Team Elliott Education, a company that provides senior programming at assisted living

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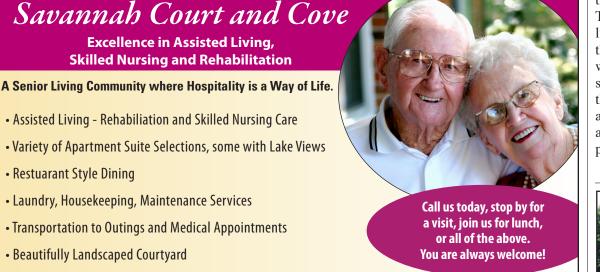
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Residents perk up in the halls when they see Team Elliott instructor Joel Fuller coming through wheeling his cart stacked up with iPads, and he greets each of them by name.

The seniors at Serenades mostly learn on iPads, and use Elliott-developed apps, participating at their own levels. Those at higher levels use styluses to match state shapes with their names and solve crossword puzzles. Others use the stylus to flick bowling balls on the screen down the electronic ally to knock down pins, or flip a series of tiles to try and find photos that match underneath. It's a way for them to keep

their minds active, feel successful and even connect with family members, who bring their gadgets as a way to interact when talking isn't always possible, said Julie Fernandez, executive director of the facilitv

"We look for what those residents' potential still is, what are they able to do, how can we still engage them at the level that they're able to engage in and help them retain that for as long as possible," Fernandez said. "And so being engaged, staying smart, allowing that intellectual stimulation in whatever form we can get is a benefit to residents in ways you can't even put into words."



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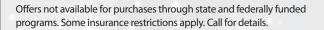
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