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Being a model citizen is nothing new for Josephine Collins. While growing up in the South, she carried one message from her mother that has defined her through the years. That message is to “always look after your elders, for they paved the way for you and the youth, for they are your future.” To this day, Ms. Collins’ efforts have not gone unnoticed. She has been the recipient of many certificates and awards for her work and shows no sign of slowing down.

An active member of Community Protestant Church, Ms. Collins has volunteered to serve on several organizations as president, usher, nurse, chaplain and treasurer.

Ms. Collins’ altruism is demonstrated through her involvement in many organizations, including serving as chairperson of JASA Senior Services Council, as a member of the Advocacy Committee and telephone reassurance service, and a community lobbyist for the 7th Congressional District.

She also serves as AARP Regional Advocacy Coordinator of the Bronx, president of Peach Tree Chapter 4997, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 1871 and member of the President’s Council.

Ms. Collins’ positive impact resonates through the organizations in which she serves and the lives she touches. Not shy of hard work, especially when senior and youth issues are in jeopardy, Ms. Collins truly believes that with God, all things are possible.

When she is not giving unselfishly of her time, she enjoys her life to the fullest by traveling around the country. Ms. Collins is the proud mother of three, the grandmother of seven and great grandmother of nine.