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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Principal Planner Receives PBSO Samaritan Award

At the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office's Annual Awards Ceremony on November 2, 2018, Lisa Amara, Principal Planner with the Planning, Zoning, and Building Department, received a Samaritan Award and Medal. The award was presented by Sheriff Ric Bradshaw "in appreciation and lasting gratitude for outstanding contributions and service" for Lisa's assistance with the safe return of a missing senior gentleman.

On December 10, 2017, a Silver Alert was issued for an 82-year-old resident with dementia who had wandered away from his home in Lake Worth. The report prompted a three-hour search by sheriff deputies. After receiving a phone call and text from Palm Beach County Alerts, which highlighted the gentleman's light blue pants, Lisa drove by the gentleman who was walking along a roadway approximately 10 blocks from where he went missing. She stopped and gave him a ride in her car to his street, then called deputies to assist with getting him safely home.

For more information about the Award, you may contact Patricia Behn, Deputy Planning Director at the Palm Beach County Planning Division, 561-233-5332.

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