

Shirley Salvo; Our own, local “Remarkable Woman”

Those of us on Kiawah and Seabrook Islands who know Shirley Salvo aren't the only ones who know she's remarkable. Shirley is already somewhat of a local celebrity, but that may soon be taken to another level.

Nexstar Media Group, owner of local NBC affiliate, Channel 2 News, has partnered with another of its affiliates, Mel Robbins (of the newly aired Mel Robbins Show) in search of women who have made noticeable improvements in the world around them, and inspired other women to do the same. As News 2 puts it; they will look for local women who “inspire, lead and forge the way for other women. It's not about one day or one month, its about what they do, day-in and day-out.”

Shirley is one of 4 South Carolina finalists, out of 75 candidates up for the “Remarkable Woman” award. Nexstar and News 2 will publicly recognize a woman from our state “to honor the influence that the woman has had on public policy, social progress and quality of life”.



The winner of the award will earn a trip to NYC and attend the taping of The Mel Robbins Show. The national winner will be named in mid March.

Shirley's stamp is permanent and wide-ranging on the improvement of lifestyles and health of our barrier island neighbors living below the poverty line. Sea Island Hunger Awareness Foundation, which Shirley established in 2014, serves as a large umbrella for numerous and varied social services for the disadvantaged. Weekly food deliveries, crock-pot classes, and new, free wells for those without clean water are just a few of the many services rendered.

Prior to 2014 and the founding of SIHAF, Shirley enjoyed a peaceful retirement from a teaching career. Since then, it's become her “day-in and day-out” search for better ways to help our local underprivileged neighbors, and to recruit more inspired women to help.

Our entire barrier island community is fortunate to have Shirley as one of our own, and whether she wins that trip to New York City or not, she's our number one pick for a most remarkable woman.