

About Our Presenters



Kathrin Gabriel-Jones is an Encouragement Coach and Podcaster with the Ministering to Ministers Foundation. She has spent 30 years as an educator in a wide variety of disciplines and uses pragmatism and imagination to help others reclaim their innate wisdom and become the heroes of their own lives. Kathrin's coaching work focuses on helping people to shift their lives' friction into traction for their future. As host of the Friends for the Journey Podcast, she engages metaphor and imagery from pop culture, Scripture, myth, urban legends, history, and world literature. Combined with humor, Kathrin ignites each person's engagement in their own unique and radical quest for hope and fulfillment in their world.



Brenda Kocher is a retired physical therapist turned child advocate that joined the Guardian ad Litem Program in Tampa, Florida as a volunteer with the program in 2009, representing children that are victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. In 2014, Brenda launched a first-of-its-kind in Florida, Courthouse Facility Dog Program where purpose bred and highly trained assistance dogs are utilized in court and para-court processes to aid vulnerable witnesses in the provision of testimony. Brenda has a strong interest in the neurobiological foundation of trauma and the implications of that for children and other vulnerable witnesses going through the legal system. Since 2014, Brenda has spoken at numerous statewide, national, and international conferences on how to best provide trauma informed care in our courts and in our child welfare systems.



Chaplain **Kelvin Foster** is a former Fire Fighter EMT, Navy Hospital Corpsman, Retiree from the Veterans Benefits Administration, additionally he's a Board-Certified Chaplain, a Christian Crisis Trauma Specialist through the American Association of Christian Counselors AACC, has received the designation of Diplomat through the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, D.A.A.E.T.S. Additionally, I am an Endorsed Southern Baptist Disaster Chaplain, and alumni of Moody Bible Institute, and Southern Illinois University. He services his community as a Health and Public Safety Chaplain with several organizations e.g. American Red Cross, Regional Disaster Spiritual Care Advisor for Central & SW Florida, providing coordination of Disaster Spiritual Care and leadership for 19 central Florida Counties, Chaplain for the North River Fire District, member of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Critical Incident Management, Hospital Chaplain at a Level II Trauma Center, and as a Disaster Chaplain with the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief ministry.