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 **I Am USF St. Petersburg: Linda Green**By: [John Husfield](#) | Source: Sonia Helton

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I AM USF ST. PETERSBURG!

You would never know **Linda Green** is the mother of two grown children, Linear and Samara, of whom she is most proud. Some of you might have worked with Linear in the computer lab. He has been the night lab assistant since he was in 10th grade. Now he is finishing his sophomore year at community college, hoping to come to USF St. Petersburg in the near future. Linda grew up in St. Petersburg where she is a Habitat for Humanity homeowner and where she raised her children.

She came to work at the campus 17 years ago, when a friend told her about a custodial position that had opened. She has been the custodian for the library when it was in Bayboro Hall and now in its new location. The best part of her position is meeting and interacting with faculty, patrons and students who come into the library. Her mothering nature often comforts frustrated students at exam time, building up their morale and helping them feel secure in their pursuit of knowledge. This nurturing trait has served as a role model for her children too. She noted that when her children were young, she would drop them off at the library and settled them into one of the carrels to do their homework. She knew this would have a positive effect on their lives.

Linda said she feels fortunate to be working on the campus. She said it is like being part of a large family, where everyone respects one another. She loves her job and takes pride in being the "mother" and housekeeper in the library. "If the place wasn't clean and this library wasn't kept up, nobody would want to come here." Without **Linda Green**, USF St. Petersburg's mission would not be sustained.

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