The founder and president of one of the most prominent national senior citizen programs not only graduated from University City High School, but continues to reside in the community. That person is Marylen Mann, who founded Older Adult Services and Information Systems (OASIS). Mann represented OASIS at a Presidential Summit on volunteering, in which every living United States President was present.

Mann founded OASIS for the purpose of providing and enhancing the quality of life for older adults through education, arts, humanities, health promotion, and volunteering. Because of this, Mann has received such awards as the YWCA’s Leaders’ Award, a bronze medal from the United States Surgeon General, Women of Achievement, and Women Who Make a Difference from the International Women’s Forum.

The OASIS tutoring program matches senior citizens with students in first, second and third grades for one-on-one reading tutoring. Now in its fifth year in University City, our program boasts more than 50 active volunteers in our schools, many of whom are tutoring more than one student.