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# National Employ Older Workers Week



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National Employ Older Workers Week, held annually the last full week of September, recognizes the vital role of older workers in the workforce. National Employ Older Workers Week aims to increase awareness of this labor segment and develop innovative strategies to tap it.

Find out how Vantage is empowering older job seekers with the skills they need for their next chapter in the workforce.

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# From Participant to Project Director – Mercedes Bello’s American Dream

## *Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month*

During this month of honoring Hispanic Heritage, it is important to shine a spotlight on the achievements of our Hispanic friends and neighbors. Mercedes Bello’s story is one of millions of stories about hardworking individuals determined to make a name for themselves in the Land of Opportunity – the United States.

From SCSEP job seeker to Project Director of Vantage’s Cincinnati SCSEP program, Mercedes’s contributions are so important – her enthusiasm, desire to empower others, and ability to connect our participants to their dreams is incredible.

“We are the generation of survivors,” she says about the 55 years and over population. “We have seen the world go from wired telephones to smart phones, black and white TV to Netflix. We have the responsibility of recreating life and success for seniors.”

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## **A Love of Learning Leads to New Opportunities: Shelia's Story**

They say you're never too old to keep learning, and that's certainly true for Tuscarawas County native Shelia Jackson. Over the years, Shelia has combined her curiosity for learning with a love of helping others to build a unique career path that has touched communities across the United States.



Now in a new chapter, she is gaining digital skills and working towards her employment goals in the new Digital Inclusion Training as part of Vantage Aging's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

[Learn More](#)



**Vantage's AmeriCorps Seniors Recognition Event at the Soap Box Derby**

Vantage's AmeriCorps Seniors program hosted a Recognition and Recruitment Event on September 9 at the Akron Soap Box Derby. It was a great day to enjoy racing cars down the track, learning about volunteer opportunities and the missions of our amazing community partners, and a delicious lunch!

Thank you to our sponsors, including:

Oak Street Health

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro

Judge Alison Breaux

Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer, Summit Probate Court

Summit County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)

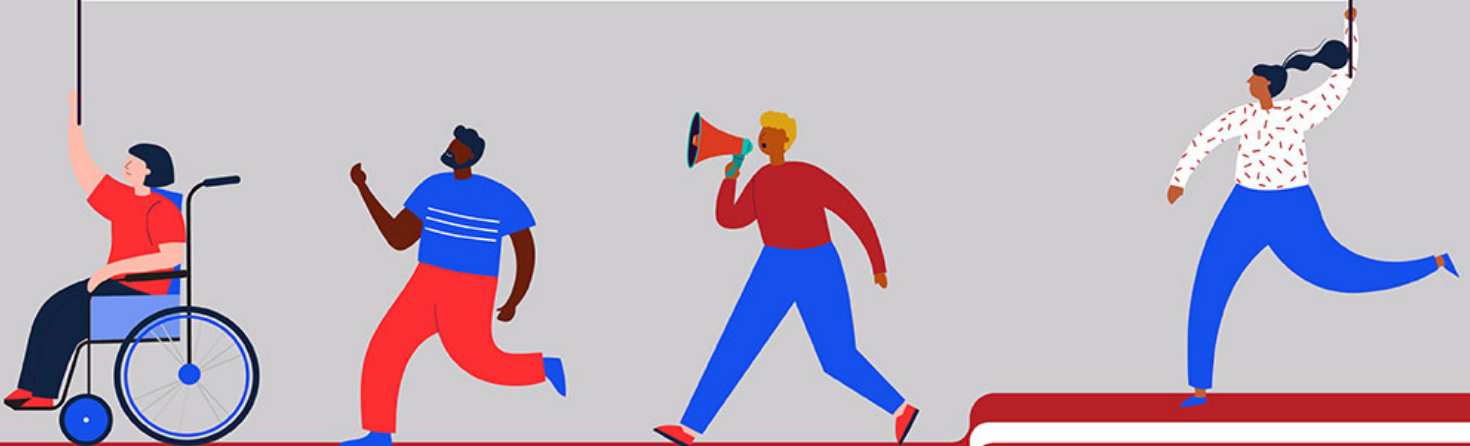
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And, thank you to Summit County Council for presenting AmeriCorps Seniors with a commendation during the event!

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*Find a volunteer opportunity in your community.*

**AmeriCorps.gov/911Day**  
**#911Day**

## **Honor 9/11 Day: Unite Through Service**

The 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance was Sunday, September 11. We invite the community to join in service with us in the spirit of unity, not just on September 11, but all year round. Together, we

can join in the spirit of #GettingThingsDone for our nation and ensure that what unites us will always outshine what is trying to divide us.

If you are 55 years or older and live in one of the seven Ohio counties Vantage's AmeriCorps Seniors program serves, we also invite you to join us in the nation's largest volunteer network. You choose how you serve at an organization in your community that needs your help.

[Learn More](#)

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SylviaPaints Seniors

# AN EVENING OF AGING WITH THE ARTS

Presented by Kim Ray

## THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 2022, 5-7

*View new, vibrant artwork including large portraits of celebrity seniors that represent positive aging | Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres provided | Work by local guest artists*

### Featuring work from Akron artist Sylvia Sykes

All proceeds of the raffle and a portion of artwork sold provide direct services to in-need seniors, including home-delivered Meals On Wheels, home cleaning and personal care services, job training, and volunteer recognition.

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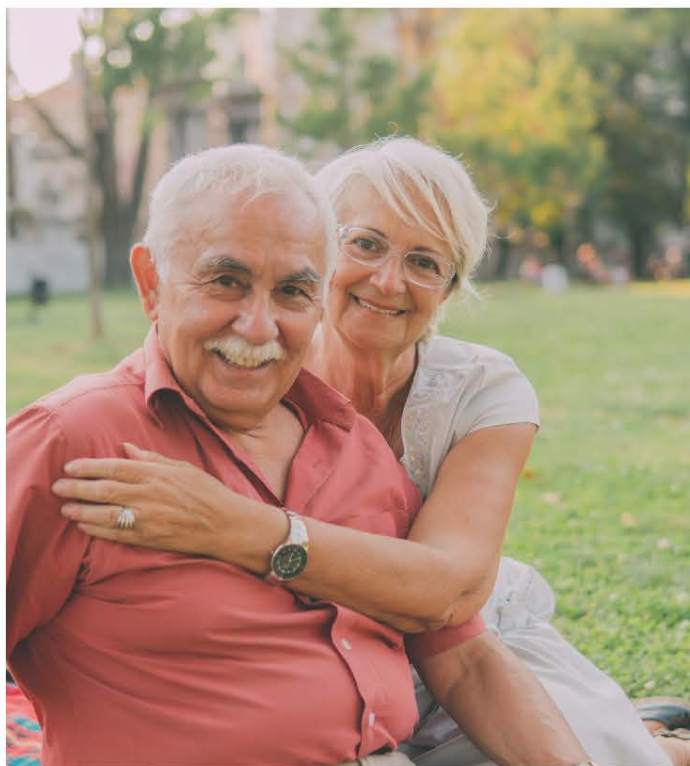


RSVP to Deyan Anderson by October 21 at 330.253.4507 or [danderson@vantageaging.org](mailto:danderson@vantageaging.org)

Register Today for Free

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November 8  
2:00-3:30

VIRTUAL EVENT SERIES

# CAREGIVER SOLUTIONS

We know how hard caregivers work every day to keep their families healthy and safe.

Join us this November for family caregiver resources and a space to connect with other caregivers in your community.

Follow us on Facebook Live @VantageAging to join us.  
Or, sign up for the link at:  
[www.vantageaging.org/events/caregiver-event/](http://www.vantageaging.org/events/caregiver-event/)



ILENE SHAPIRO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Department of Job and Family Services



Register for November 8

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# HELPING HANDS



## 2022 RAFFLE

Supporting Meals On Wheels of Northeast Ohio

At Meals On Wheels NEO, we hand make and deliver our meals with love and nutrition for seniors facing hunger. Be part of our Helping Hands campaign and help feed seniors in your community. From your hands to theirs - help seniors receive nutritious meals.

*New! This year, we will be hosting an in-person kickoff on September 1 at our Meals On Wheels Kitchen. Join us to celebrate and meet our team.*

### TICKETS

1 FOR \$10 OR 3 FOR \$25

Winners will be drawn each Thursday in September 2022 on Facebook Live @VantageAging.

### RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE

- NEO STRONG GIFT CARD TREE - NEO BUSINESS GIFT CARDS
- PAMPER YOUR PET AND CAR CARE BASKET
- 16 BOTTLES OF WINE - WORTH OVER \$400
- FAMILY FUN WAGON
- SELF CARE AND RELAXATION BASKET



To purchase tickets, visit [www.vantageaging.org/helpinghands](http://www.vantageaging.org/helpinghands). For more information, contact [info@vantageaging.org](mailto:info@vantageaging.org) or 330-253-2597 x160.



## Be a Helping Hand for Meals On Wheels!

Tickets are available still for the Helping Hands Raffle. The final winners will be drawn Thursday, September 29 for a Self Care and Relaxation Basket, and Thursday, October 6 for a Booze Barrel full of adult beverages and a large cooler. If you have purchased tickets but have not won yet, you are still in the drawings.

All proceeds go directly towards providing home-delivered meals to our community's most in-need seniors. We hope you'll join us for this important cause and have fun with two more chances to win!

[Get Your Tickets!](#)

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# National Falls Prevention Awareness Day

## September 22



Ohio  
**Falls**  
Prevention

**Ohio**

Department of  
Aging

## September is Fall Prevention Month

Because 1 out of every 4 Americans age 65 and up fall each year, it's important for you and your loved ones to know how to prevent and manage falls. Take some time this month to learn about your risk

factors and prevent falls. The [Ohio Department of Aging](#) provides tons of great resources for you and your loved ones to prevent falls.

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