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AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce Program launches in Peoria County

The HAP Foundation trains seniors aged 55+ as Community Health Workers

[The HAP Foundation](https://www.TheHAPFoundation.org) announced the launch of the AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce program today in Peoria. Active recruitment is occurring for U.S. citizens, aged 55 and older living in Peoria County to participate in the program. Interested participants can apply at www.TheHAPFoundation.org by February 8.

The HAP Foundation will train individuals aged 55+ as Community Health Workers. Community Health Workers are trusted members of the community who demonstrate compassion and empathy for others and enjoy connecting resources to promote a healthy lifestyle. HAP's AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce program will work with Solvera Health, Traditions Hospice, Salvation Army, and Family Core as host sites for program participants.

"We are excited to help seniors in Peoria re-enter the workforce through our AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce Program," said Joseph Matty, President, The HAP Foundation. "This program is committed to strengthening the existing community by engaging Community Health Workers to share resources with their neighbors and friends in hopes of providing better health outcomes."

Participants will receive at least 40 hours of training in nationally recognized core competencies to become a Community Health Worker. Also, job training will be provided through host health care or community organizations. Participants must commit to 10 hours a week, with a monthly stipend of \$200, beginning on Thursday, February 22. After the program completion in 13 weeks, each participant is eligible to receive an additional stipend up to \$1,000 through a grant from the Illinois Public Health Association.

At the Peoria Public Library, partner organizations, program participants, and city and county officials gathered to show their support for this meaningful initiative.



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In July 2023, [The HAP Foundation announced that it was awarded \\$332,000](#) to support senior volunteer service through community education from AmeriCorps Seniors. AmeriCorps is a federal agency for national service and volunteerism that provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities.

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About The HAP Foundation:

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research on hospice, palliative care, and grief for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life. Also, The HAP Foundation offers association management and consulting services.

