Pennsylvania Department of Aging

Outstanding Senior Community Service Employment Program Participant

Congratulations, Cynthia Steadman
Philadelphia

Cynthia Steadman was living at a local shelter and struggled to make ends meet. In May 2015, that began to change when she enrolled in the Philadelphia Mayor’s Commission on Aging (MCOA) Senior Community Service Employment Program. Cynthia was assigned to two MCOA host agencies to receive computer and customer service training. The MCOA recognized her other quality-of-life needs, and referred her to the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) and the local PA CareerLink® center for housing and additional employment assistance, respectively. Cynthia’s PHA application was approved and she secured an apartment. Additionally, she applied for and received a scholarship from the local PA CareerLink® to attend a three-month computer course at Pierce College, which she successfully completed.

Less than a year later, Cynthia was hired as an assistant teacher by Source4Teacher, an independent contractor to the Philadelphia School District. She was hired to work 25 hours per week at a starting wage of $9.50 per hour.

Cynthia is especially grateful to the MCOA’s Senior Community Service Employment Program, the PA CareerLink®, and the PHA for offering her a helping hand up when she needed it most.

2017 marks the 12th year of the Governor’s Achievement Award for the Outstanding Senior Community Service Employment Program Participant.