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May is Older Americans Month: Pro Action of Steuben & Yates, Inc. celebrates the month with this year's theme "*Communities of Strength*", recognizing the important role older adults play in fostering the connection and engagement that build strong, resilient communities.

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In tough times, communities find strength in people—and people find strength in their communities. In the past year, we have seen this time and again in our local communities as friends, neighbors, and businesses have found new ways to support each other in numerous ways.

In our community, older adults are a key source of this strength. Through their experiences, successes, and difficulties, they have built resilience that helps them to face new challenges. When communities tap into this, they become stronger too.

This year, Pro Action of Steuben & Yates, Inc. will celebrate OAM by asking our SCSEP participants and Host Agencies to share their experiences and successes with our community members. Together, we can find strength—and create a stronger future for our businesses and individuals in our communities.

Aging is a dynamic process that leads to new abilities and knowledge we can share with our communities!

Now for our stories:

SCSEP Participant: *Michele writes:* "Since entering the SCSEP program, I have had three wonderful assignments and have learned so much from each one. My current assignment is with Turning Point/Catholic Charities in Bath. It is so rewarding being part of an organization that helps so many people in our community!" and "Now that I am working again, I feel like a new person! I feel like I have a purpose and am so much happier."

SCSEP Participant: *Elliott writes:* The SCSEP program is important to me because... It helps people like me who have disabilities but need and want to work. My employer hired me through the senior employment program and this job has allowed me to be a positive part of our community and for that I am very grateful.

SCSEP Host Agency: *Catholic Charities writes:* Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston's Emergency Services program is proud to be partnered with the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) as a host agency. SCSEP is well known for assisting older adults stay active in the workforce. Senior participants gain important job skills and professional development at our Turning Point sites, but it is also important to point out that they are in a unique position to provide CCSL staff valuable insights through shared work experience and often a different perspective on community and social topics. Senior Employment staff make a difference in our community by building beneficial relationships internally and externally with community partners.

For more information on Pro Action's SCSEP program please call our SCSEP office at 607-776-2125 x145

