**Sourcewise Celebrates the National Employ Older Worker’s Week**

**San Jose, September 29, 2015:** National Employ Older Worker’s Week aims to highlight and promote the importance of recognizing seniors as a valuable and skilled labor force. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that by 2020 workers 55 and over will make up a quarter of the U.S. civilian labor force.

Sourcewise is one of fifteen Area Agencies on Aging that administer the Senior Community Services Employment Program in California. Supporting Santa Clara County’s low-income seniors, Sourcewise offers personalized career counseling, supervised on-the job training, and classroom training that is designed for a transition to unsubsidized employment.

For the past 16 years, Henri Villalovoz, Director of the Senior Employment Services for Sourcewise, has fostered strong relationships with both nonprofit and for profit employers in Santa Clara County, leading to a 95% rate of unsubsidized placement.

To commemorate National Employ Older Worker’s Week, Sourcewise held a recognition awards ceremony followed by a luncheon to honor Senior Community Services Employee participants, host agencies, and local employers who exemplify dedication and commitment to the elder workforce in Santa Clara County.

Bill Coker, Director of Programs at Silicon Valley Independent Living Center stated at the celebration held Monday, September 28, 2015, “...it is a pleasure, a great experience, and [has] been a great opportunity to work with you folks.”

Honorees included:

*Employee of the Year*

Belinda Montes de Oca

*Supervisor Award*

Carl Begay, Employment Manager at EDD Workforce, America’s Job Center

*Supervisor Award*

Lori Mathis, Community Programs Manager, Second Harvest Food Bank

*Host Training Agency of The Year Award*

Sheri Burns, Executive Director,Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

Bill Coker, Director of Programs,Silicon Valley independent Living Center

*Employer of the Year Award*

Lou Ann Mowry, Founder/Owner, All Seasons Homecare

Joelle Glovick, Staffing Manager, All Seasons Homecare

Nancy Lui, Customer Service Manager, All Seasons Homecare

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