**Sourcewise announces award recipients of National Employ Older Workers Week**

**San Jose, October 5, 2017**:  Sourcewise presented six awards during its annual National Employ Older Workers Week luncheon, recognizing the value of Santa Clara County’s mature workforce. The National Employ Older Workers Week is observed the last week of September and is a nationwide effort to highlight contributions made by the 55 and older workforce—projected to make up 25% of the civilian labor force in the next three years; increasing to 35% by 2022.

“Sourcewise celebrates the generational diversity, experience, and skill seniors possess. As older workers are opting to stay active or re-enter the workforce, Santa Clara County employers have the opportunity to rely on older workers to fill talent gaps,” explains Henri Villalovoz, Director of Senior Employment Services of Sourcewise.

To expand economic opportunities for older workers in Santa Clara County, Sourcewise provides Senior Employment Services; one of the nation’s first programs to help low-income, unemployed individuals aged 55+ to find employment through personalized career counseling andon-the job training, with the ultimate goal to transition to unsubsidized employment.

For the past 18 years Villalovoz, has developed one of the most successful programs in California, which he attributes to the strong, mutually-beneficial collaborations with community-based organizations and local employers.

“I want to thank Sourcewise for allowing us to be a host [training] agency throughout the years; we’ve had nine people come to us from Sourcewise. We, Heart of the Valley, a very small non-profit of volunteers, would not be here today without this program. [Senior Employment Services] provided employees that we could not afford, and we’ve been able to share [skills] with them to help them get employed,” said Glenda Cresap, Executive Director of Heart of the Valley.

Sourcewise determined the following individuals exemplified dedication, commitment, and excellence to the elder workforce in Santa Clara County. This year’s honorees include:

**Employee Of The Year**

Cindy Cooper, Senior Employment Services participant and now Driver for Bateman Community Living

**Supervisor Award**

Maria Lucerno, Program Manager of Employment Development Department

**Special Award**

Glenda Cresap, Executive Director of Heart of The Valley for Seniors

**Host Training Agency of The Year Award**

Sheri Burns, Executive Director of Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

**Employer Of The Year Award**

Kelly Collins, Business Office Manager of Bateman Community Living Center

Lou Ann Mowry, President  & CEO of all Seasons Homecare Company

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