

Dear Ohio SMP Volunteer,

You are part of our stellar team of 58 volunteers who educate older Ohioans how to stay safe from Medicare fraud and identity theft. Thanks to your energy, skill, and enthusiasm we educate 2,570 beneficiaries annually. Some of you do this through presentations, others by distributing our literature at events. Either way, you provide by far the majority of our outreach. Without you there would be no Ohio SMP.



Tom Gaumer, Cuyahoga County Volunteer, holds the trophy he was awarded at the 2011 SMP National Conference

When I asked why you volunteer for Pro Seniors/Ohio SMP, here are some of your answers:

“All too often I read about exploitation of the elderly in the news. Makes me angry. And volunteering for SMP (and OSHIIP) is just my way of helping.” – Ron Koncal, Franklin County

“It’s a worthwhile cause. It got me there in the first place and has kept me ever since. It’s exhilarating to know all the information Pro Seniors puts out there for older adults and to know all the things it’s doing. I attended the first volunteer training Ohio SMP offered in Hamilton County in 2003.” - Margaret Bradley, Hamilton County

“I wanted to volunteer for an organization that I could learn from & educate myself concerning programs offered to our aging population. Pro Seniors also offers me flexible hours for volunteering which is very important since I am still working. I'm helping & learning at the same time. It's a perfect fit for me” Barb Lesch, Huron County

“I am getting older and I want to know what is going on in health care. I share this information with others so that they to can also know what is going on. It’s so much fun to work with such fine people like Jane and everyone else in this program.” - Jeff Hall, Hancock County

“I believe in giving whether it’s in time, talent or money. I’m lucky to be able to give. - Teb Baines, Butler County

I’m sure you all have reasons why you choose to volunteer for Ohio SMP. Sharing these with your friends and family is a great way to help expand our volunteer force.

In closing, I want to thank you for making my job so pleasant. I enjoy working with each one of you because of your unique personalities. You keep my life interesting!

Jane Winkler
Volunteer Coordinator