

# Back to Basics for the Senior Companion Program

When Bob joined Shepherd's Center Central (SCC) in Fall 2015, he brought with him over 20 years' experience in the non-profit world.

Now as Program Manager for the Senior Companion Program (SCP) Bob has been steering it back to basics. A vital step is to be sure every working Senior Companion has provided updated income history, a yearly physical and other paperwork all required annually by grant funders.

"I want the community, including the Senior Companions to understand what the program is, what SCP is doing and what it represents."

He has presented the program to several community groups, and recently spoke to a group of sight-impaired veterans.

Bob has several goals in mind for this year. The waiting list has been completely reviewed and will be maintained as current as possible. He hopes to strengthen the role of the SCP Advisory Council by adding members in Grandview and Liberty, and to develop goals with the council members.

The demand for Senior Companions (SC) remains high, and a class for new SCs is slated for later this year.

Bob is looking at the entire program to ensure it runs smoothly, the clients receive the care they expect, and the SCs have the tools they need to maintain their professional and caring attitudes.



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