

# Experience Makes a Difference. It's What Our Communities Need!

Older adults have many talents to offer communities. Nonprofit organizations need experienced people to carry out their missions. Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative (CLOI) brings them together. CLOI inspires people over age 50 to explore their passions, plan their futures, be community leaders, pursue learning, and engage in meaningful service. CLOI also partners with Chicago-area organizations to assess needs and matches them with experienced older adults who are instructed in areas such as fund development and volunteer leadership training. Through this collaboration, organizations enhance their capabilities by adding much-needed talent and skills at a minimal cost.

## **The CLOI Family:**

### **Designing Your Future** *workshop*

In a small group setting, older adults discover their unique gifts and how to best use them to help their communities, identifying what gives them a sense of purpose and channelling that into meeting personal and professional goals.

### **Legacy Leadership Institute** *training program*

Older adults get matched with local organizations to support their missions by learning everything from event planning and setting up annual funds to appeal letters and honing proposal messages. Organizations benefit from experienced volunteers trained in creating strategies that bolster their resources.

### **Count Me In!** *training program*

Mentors are trained to work with organizations to help them build successful volunteer leadership programs by recruiting, training, and retaining much-needed older adult talent that helps them boost their capacities.



**Give your time and experience to an organization or connect your organization to experienced older adults.** For training dates and more information, call Ann Rich, CLOI Executive Director, at (773) 381.6023 or e-mail [ann.rich@cje.net](mailto:ann.rich@cje.net).

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