

Highlights of SeniorNet 25th Anniversary Celebration



SeniorNet celebrated its 25th Anniversary on May 19, 2011, at the Senate Dirksen Building on Capitol Hill. Among the more than 130 people attending the event were SeniorNet Sponsors,

Learning Center coordinators, past and present Board members, government officials, and other SeniorNet stakeholders.

The keynote speaker at the event was Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary of Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Secretary Greenlee, who was appointed to this position by President Obama in 2009, is committed to building the capacity for a national aging network to better serve older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities. She places a high priority on building partnerships with federal, state, tribal, community, and private organizations to increase momentum for person-centered services in all settings. During her keynote speech, Secretary Greenlee discussed SeniorNet's role in providing computer education to older adults during the past 25 years, and the importance of SeniorNet being there to help older adults during the next wave of technological advances in the following 25 years.

Other key speakers at the 25th Anniversary Celebration included SeniorNet Chairman Leslie Smith (IBM), Bill Kamela (Microsoft), Susan Mazrui (AT&T), Jack Stevens (Division of Economic Development for the U.S. Department of Interior), Chief Donald Rodgers (Catawba Tribe, Catawba Indian Reservation), Albert Morales (Global Business Services, North America Strategy & Transformation, IBM), and Ted Childs (Ted Childs LLC). The master of ceremonies was Jim Zaniello (Vetted Solutions). All were in agreement that, during the past quarter century, SeniorNet has helped meet a vital need among seniors and can play an integral role in helping older adults in the next quarter century as well.

The evening culminated with an Awards Presentation. The Chairman's Award for 2010 ([click here for more details](#)) was presented to Slava Vero (Huntington, New York, Learning Center), Chief Donald Rodgers (Catawba Indian Reservation), and Fred Elser (Greenwich, Connecticut, Learning Center). The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Hank Clemente for his outstanding work in developing curriculum for SeniorNet. Finally, Phil Carnahan (Technical Director) was honored

with an award for his Years of Service and Support of the SeniorNet Mission.

Overall, it was an exciting, well-attended, and successful 25th Anniversary Celebration! A video of the entire event will be made available to SeniorNet Learning Centers.

SeniorNet is the nation's most respected nonprofit organization specializing in computer and Internet education for older adults. SeniorNet (www.seniornet.org) has more than 8,000 members and approximately 3,050 volunteers. Since 1986, SeniorNet has educated over one million older adults about computers and the Internet, enriching their lives and helping them better connect with family and friends. Our major sponsors include Microsoft, IBM, Adobe, AT&T, and others.