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Senior Service America, Inc. Announces New Executive Director
Senior Service America, Inc., (SSAI) a national nonprofit organization and one of America's oldest and largest operators of employment programs for America's seniors, has announced the selection of Gary A. Officer as its new executive director. Officer will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Anthony R. Sarmiento. The selection was made after a national search and selection process.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted that Gary A. Officer has accepted the position of Executive Director at Senior Services America, Inc.," reported Spence Limbocker, SSAI's Board Chair. "Mr. Officer's vast experience as a successful President and CEO of national non-profit organizations serving the needs of low income Americans particularly impressed the search committee. We believe that Mr. Officer's expansive vision for Senior Service America, Inc. coupled with his extraordinary fundraising accomplishments will serve us well as we move into the future."

Mr. Officer is an experienced executive who has enjoyed over a decade and a half of leadership and organizational development for a variety of mission based organizations. Mr. Officer served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rebuilding Together, Inc., the nation's largest homeownership preservation non-profit, and fourth largest remodeler. He grew the Rebuilding Together network into a \$125 million organization within six years. He also has served as President of the National Credit Union Foundation where he successfully developed a \$370 million community investment fund. He also worked as a leader in the affordable housing sector where he served as President and CEO of the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership and as Director of Asset Management at Lakefront SRO Corporation in Chicago. He studied and has degrees from Manchester Metropolitan University and the London School of Economics in England and has completed the prestigious Advanced Management Program at the Said Business School at Oxford University.

"I am honored and delighted to lead Senior Service America, Inc. at this critically important time in our nation's history," remarks Officer. "Today, more than ever, SSAI's role in providing funding and stewardship support to our national network of local partners is needed. Older American workers are significant contributors to our nation's economy. However, for low-income older Americans, income inequality related to under-employment, has proven to be an enduring problem. I am confident that together with our partners and stakeholders, we will embark onto a period of unprecedented impact and growth."

Senior Service America, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization that provides civic engagement and employment opportunities to low-income older adults. As one of 19 national SCSEP grantees of the U.S. Department of Labor, SSAI is based in Silver Spring, Maryland, and provides more than \$38 million annually to a diverse network of 65 local partner organizations in 13 states. For more information, go to www.seniorserviceamerica.org, call (301) 578-8469, email gofficer-ssa-i.org, or Twitter @SrSvcAmerica.