

I came to be the executive director of PEACE, Inc. from the local Human Rights Commission. .. It was a time of change for me. .. But, it worked out well.. . And, we did very well. ..

During my tenure, the Early Head Start program started; the weatherization program grew; the community centers were called community centers and we changed the name to family development centers; and we changed the mission to empower people - to work to empower people. .. I really like developing people and mentoring people. I'm still doing that - mainly with teenage boys now. At PEACE, Inc., I was doing it with adults.

About two or three years after I retired, I was invited to a meeting about starting a local chapter of the 100 Black Men. I agreed to help them, was their first president, and was the president for two years. Then, I joined their board of directors and am still on their board of directors. We have a lot of signature projects. .. We do a lot of mentoring at different schools and I work with my church in a variety of ways - one, in the justice center working with young men - 16 and 17 years old - who are incarcerated, trying to get them on the right path. .. And, I do a lot of golfing. I play pickleball at the Y - and try to stay as active as I can. ..

The main thing I wish for PEACE, Inc. is to keep going and to try to diversify their funding more. Joe O'Hara has done a great job of diversifying their funding. .. I see the federal government is going to give us less and less funding - if they can diversify their funding more anyway possible, that's my hope for PEACE, Inc.

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