What is Social Security?

Social Security was created to promote the economic security of the nation’s people.

1930s Great Depression: America facing the worst economic crisis of modern times.

August 14, 1935: President Roosevelt signs Social Security Act as part of the New Deal.

Designed to pay retired workers age 65 or older a continuing income after retirement.

1939: Survivors Insurance for families of a deceased worker.

1956: Disability Insurance for disabled workers and their family members.

1965: Medicare providing health insurance for our beneficiaries.

1972: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) needs-based program funded by the U.S. Treasury general fund to provide payments to people with limited income and resources who are age 65 or older, blind, or disabled. Children with disabilities can get SSI, too.

Who do we serve?

1 in 5 Americans currently receive a Social Security benefit.

1/3 are Disabled, Dependents, or Survivors.

The most successful anti-poverty program in our country’s history.