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Look Who's Turning 80: Social Security Announces Countdown to Agency's 80th Anniversary

80 Days to Social Security's 80th

Anticipation fills the air as Social Security gets closer to the agency's historic 80th anniversary and prepares to commemorate the August 14, 1935, signing of the Social Security Act. Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin today announced the launch of the agency's event-filled celebration, with many activities leading up to August 14.

"Social Security offers hope and protection for millions of people and some of the most vulnerable members of the American public," Acting Commissioner Colvin said. "This was President Franklin Roosevelt's vision in 1935, and the vision has never been clearer, nor has the work of our agency ever been more important than it is today."

Observing this important milestone would not be complete without the participation of the agency's employees and the public. To engage the public, Social Security launched a commemorative 80th anniversary website, where they will learn more about the agency's legacy and the importance of the Social Security program. The website, www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary can be used by the public to submit stories that show how Social Security has benefited them or their families. Social Security employees around the country are expressing their enthusiasm and support through the agency's "Why I Serve" campaign, which highlights employees telling their own stories illustrating why they enjoy giving back through public service.

The agency also has planned several additional events, such as celebrating "America's Favorites: Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie & SSA" Night that will include a ball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Oakland A's and at other games around the country. Stay tuned to the [80th Anniversary website](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary) for information on exciting upcoming events as they are planned!

"As I reflect on our agency's rich history, I am deeply honored to be a part of such a great organization with employees who truly embody the spirit of passionate public service," Acting Commissioner Colvin said. "There is nothing more rewarding than making a difference in the lives of others, and with our collective commitment, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Happy 80th Anniversary, Social Security!"

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