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## SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

### Our Mission:

Provide job training and placement for individuals age 55 or older with limited financial resources and to provide employers with trained, motivated workers.



# SCSEP Newsletter

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## 'Tis the Season for Senior Employment!



Spring is a popular season for a number of reasons. Once the sun starts shining again after months of cold, cloudy days, people want to go outside. The change in weather makes it a prime time for our seniors to find employment. Opportunities for seasonal jobs are abundant once springtime begins.

As men and women 55 and older looking for employment probably suspect, at a certain point the kinds of jobs available to them narrow significantly. However, as the weather warms, more people shop at home improvement stores. Because of the influx of consumers, home improvement companies hire many seasonal employees. For example, Home Depot hires approximately 60,000 new workers in the spring.

Similarly, Lowe's hires around 50,000 new seasonal workers. Positions for seasonal jobs last about ninety days, and are varied. Different positions available include cashiers, loaders, and employees in the lawn and garden departments. Not surprisingly, it is a bonus if an applicant has experience in home improvement.

Vendors at sports games are also needed. Patrons at baseball games often purchase food and drinks from vendors, so these workers are very important at these games in the spring.

There are many ways to find seasonal jobs. While some jobs, such as positions in retail, can be found easily by typical job search sites, others may be more difficult to find. Additionally, looking at local tourist attractions may yield

some good results when looking for seasonal jobs. Job seekers can also look for postings and advertisements in newspapers and social media.

For more information about SCSEP, contact 618-688-1180.

### From the Manager's Desk



A half-century ago this month, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. traveled to Memphis to support and bring attention to a strike by more than 1,300 city sanitation workers. But the journey to Tennessee would cost him his life.

Fifty years have passed since one of the nation's most harrowing episodes unfolded, when at 6:05 p.m. a single gunshot changed the trajectory of the civil rights movement.

As SCSEP participants, this is a story that we lived through...not just read about in history books. As we move forward, let's continue to live his dream as we pursue our own.



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### April is National Volunteer Month



National Volunteer month in the United States takes place in the month of April. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month.

Caritas SCSEP celebrates the work that our volunteers do year-round. Not only

do our participants help their Host Agency organizations by providing community service hours that help them achieve their mission, our participants also volunteer their time to organizations and programs they believe in—to a total of over 700 hours annually!

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