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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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SCSEP Helps Seniors Find Work—like Patricia Lee



Patricia Lee, at age 66, discovered the difficulties of finding employment because of her age and diminished job skills. Fortunately,

Ms. Lee discovered the SCSEP program and was enrolled as a participant assigned to the Clyde Jordan Senior Center in East St. Louis as a trainee, doing clerical work.

For two years, Ms. Lee excelled at her job placement, exemplifying a strong work ethic and further developing her social and interpersonal skills. This qualified her for a number of different positions within Clyde Jordan, including the food pantry and senior meal preparation.

As Ms. Lee neared her two-year limit with the host agency, she

began submitting her updated resume to various businesses. After a meeting with SCSEP Employment Specialist Lucretia Lewis, she gained an interview with Goodwill in Fairview Heights.

Ms. Lee was then hired full-time as a book clerk at Goodwill, and her main responsibilities include arranging and displaying books on shelves and counters; maintaining an inventory of books available on the floor, and organizing books according to its classification like children's books, travel, fiction and non-fiction.

Ms. Lee is so pleased that her age was not a deterrent in finding and obtaining full-time employment and becoming financially independent from government benefits.

"I love my JOB and the help I received from Caritas SCSEP," Patricia said. "I give this program a 10!"

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

From the Manager's Desk

In 1987, Congress declared March as National



Women's History Month for perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

The achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

In the U.S., the role that women play in business has changed dramatically over the years, with women now owning over 38% of all businesses, totaling over 11.3 million women-owned businesses in our great nation.

So let's acknowledge National Women's History Month, but celebrate women all year long!



Gary D. Woods
Program Manager



Studies by the U.S. Department of Labor have found that workers unemployed because of job displacement often experience persistent subsequent earnings losses, earnings volatility, and later periods of job loss.

When a household member is unemployed, household finances suffer: savings are often depleted, debt increases, and households may have trouble paying their rent or mortgage. Long-term unemployment not only may affect finances negatively, it may also adversely affect the physical and mental health of the unemployed.

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