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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

July 2018

Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Wishes You a Happy Fiscal New Year!



The month of July marks the beginning of our fiscal “New Year;” and Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP finished the last year on a very strong note. Our program ended the year with 24 Unsubsidized Employments, or Ding, Ding, Dings, which was twice as many as the previous 15 years combined!

Additionally, we currently have nearly 90 participants on our active roster in the 11 counties we service.

“This program delivers a triple win for older adults and the whole community,” said Gary Huelsmann, Caritas CEO.

First, SCSEP participants are helping more than 40 local community, faith-based, and public agencies carry out their mission. Second, older workers are receiving on-the-job training to



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enhance their skills. And third, older workers are keeping healthy by remaining connected and not isolated in their community.

“2017-18 was a good program year. And, many low-income older adults still want and need paid work,” says Donna Satterthwaite, Senior Service America, Director of Workforce Development. “By serving their community, older workers receive

renewed skills as well as renewed hope, knowing that they are not forgotten. Older Illinoisans are fortunate to be given the opportunity through SCSEP and the dedicated staff of Caritas Family Solutions.”

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

From the Manager’s Desk

With summer in full bloom, there’s still time to consider a few tips for seniors applying for summer jobs.

Contrary to popular opinion, employers really do like to hire older workers for seasonal jobs. Mature workers’ flexible schedules often accommodate the summer season.

The majority of employment opportunities are for three months. However, many of these positions can also be offered as year-round jobs. And, don’t forget the best part: if a participant takes on one of these positions, and exits the program; then the position ends, the participant is eligible to rejoin the program.

Remember to: stay hydrated, stay cool, and stay diligent while looking for employment. Happy Job Hunting!



Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program
Manager

Caritas SCSEP receives Department of Labor (DOL) Grant

Caritas Family Solutions has been awarded a grant of \$723,830 from Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI) to continue the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Almost 90 percent of this grant – originating from the U.S. Department of Labor – will provide temporary employment to at least 90 low-income older adults living in Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Scott and St. Clair counties in Illinois. SCSEP, a major program of the Older Americans Act. is the only federal government program mandated to assist unemployed older adults seeking to rejoin the workforce by working in their community.

“We are very pleased to continue our support of Caritas Family Solutions for the 43rd consecutive year,” said Gary Officer, CEO and President of SSAI. Caritas has received this SCSEP grant annually since 1974. SSAI is the second largest sponsor of SCSEP after a national grant competition held last year.



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