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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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## Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP conducts Second Annual Job Fair



The Second Annual Caritas SCSEP Career and Job Fair was held Weds., September 19, 2018, at the Regional Office in Belleville. Eight local employers greeted more than 50 SCSEP participants who enthusiastically entered the building and left with hope for their future.



Caritas Family Solutions has been working with government and non-profit organizations through SCSEP since 1974 to help provide training and additional work experience for those 55 and older.

Lucretia Lewis (at right), Assistant Project Director for the program was pleased with the job fair. She said, "I think the overall event was a success. We had a good turnout from both our participants and businesses in attendance."



She continued, "In conclusion, if 10% of our attendees secure unsubsidized, self-sustaining, benefited, employment as a result of our job fair, I believe it was a pretty successful day!"

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

The vendors included All in 4 You, Hire Level, Securitas, Vet Assist, Casino Queen, Express Employment Professionals, Senior Services Plus, and Caritas Family Solutions.

Lewis said the event would not have gone as smoothly without the help of the SCSEP Site Team.

"We polled a number of the businesses and participants, and both parties seemed to be happy with the event, many saying it was very effective," Lewis said.

### From the Manager's Desk

The last week in September was National Employ Older Workers Week (NEOWW) and at Caritas Family Solutions, we recognized the event by conducting our Second Annual SCSEP Job Fair. As described in the article above, the event was a hit.



Each year during NEOWW, we celebrate older workers by marketing their value and celebrating their continual contribution to today's workforce.

Our focus is on the significance of older workers. As the saying goes, "Age is nothing but a number;" and the wealth of knowledge and experience is an asset."



Gary D. Woods  
SCSEP Program  
Manager

## Caritas SCSEP Receives \$34,000 Lutheran Foundation Grant



Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP has been awarded a grant of \$34,000 from Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, for supportive services, training, and more. "We are very pleased to provide our support of Caritas Family Solutions and their Senior Employment Program," said Ann Vazquez, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, CEO and President.

SCSEP is a major program of the Older Americans Act, and is the only federal government program mandated to assist unemployed older adults seeking to rejoin the workforce by working in their community.

Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis is the grant-making ministry of 74 St. Louis area Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations. The Foundation's vision is to see the Church brought into the lives of hurting people and people included in the healing life of the Church.

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