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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 its third computer class

Caritas realizes that a majority of our SCSEP participants have very limited computer skills, which makes employment seeking very difficult. Today, more and more

# CT4S



Computer Training 4 Seniors

companies require applications and resumes be submitted through an online process. Recognizing this dilemma, we

developed the CT4S (Computer Training 4 Seniors) program, designed to teach basic computer skills to assist them with their efforts to rejoin the workforce; and our third class will complete the program this month.

The Veterans Court Technology Clinic Inc., (VCTC) is a 501(C)(3) organization that has been

contracted to provide instruction for the CT4S program.

“The workplace today is 95% computerized, and no matter where you find employment there is a good chance a computer will be a basic tool you will use,” says Kennedy Davis, Founder and Executive Director of VCTC. *(Photo at right)*



In the past five years, VCTC has helped over 500 people gain marketable competence in computer skills, including office software usage and hardware maintenance, and prepared them for employment, self-employment, or higher education.

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

### From the Manager's Desk

The holiday season can be a time of joy or a time of loneliness



for seniors. One of the joys about SCSEP, in addition to the income seniors are able to earn, is the added sense of “family” developed.

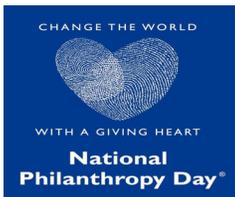
Through SCSEP community service assignments, bonds are formed and friendships are made. Participants who have no family have mentioned that they have spent Thanksgiving Day with another SCSEP participant or other workers that they've met at their SCSEP training site. To hear this is very heart-warming and brightens the holiday spirit.

From the Caritas SCSEP staff to all of you, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Gary D. Woods  
SCSEP  
Program Manager



## Caritas SCSEP Celebrates National Philanthropy Day



National Philanthropy Day was founded to promote and celebrate giving in all its forms. The day is also a grassroots movement to praise and encourage kindness wherever it occurs.

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed November 15, 1986 as National Philanthropy Day.

The aim of the day is actually twofold – to raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy, and encourage those not already involved to throw themselves into volunteer and charity work, and to acknowledge the efforts of those who already work to help their fellow humans, and deserve to be celebrated. Nobody has to be a philanthropist, but many choose to be, and make a world of difference in the world. On behalf of SCSEP, let's celebrate the day by helping others and making a difference!

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