



# 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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## Seniors Transitioning and Realizing Success (S.T.A.R.S.)



As SCSEP enters the third quarter of the fiscal year, we will commence the fourth installment of our Exits for Employment (EFE) initiative designed to equip our ready-to-work enrollees with the diligence necessary to achieve the desired outcome.

The initiative, entitled “S.T.A.R.S. to Success,” (S.T.A.R.S. stands for “Seniors Transitioning And Realizing Success”) provided three courses during 2018, and the progress has been quite commendable.

S.T.A.R.S. To Success is an intensive work readiness course

(one month in duration) that is comprised of workshops and labs focused on helping SCSEP participants develop and refresh their skills in a number of areas necessary for acquiring employment in today’s workplace. Topics include: Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Dress 4 Success, and more.

We worked with twenty-five (25) enrollees who had been unsuccessful in the job search process during their tenure with SCSEP, and provided them with additional resources during a concentrated 20 hour per week job readiness course to help them secure unsubsidized employment.

As a result of the training, we reached 12 EFEs during the last

fiscal year. In addition, we have repositioned six participants at new host agencies that are more in line with their updated IEP’s— (Individual Employment Plan.)

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

### From the Manager’s Desk

*Happy New Year!*



Most people think New Year’s resolutions are corny, cliché promises or goals that never really end up happening in the New Year. But, it doesn’t hurt to try!

Consider setting smaller, realistic goals that you can work up to and stick with; so you can enter the New Year feeling healthier, happier, recharged, or whatever your goal may be.

Try something new. This doesn’t have to be as “big” as a bucket list item. Consider trying or learning a new skill, or taking a course from a local community college.

And make sure to take some time today, tomorrow, and every day of every year to tell those you love that you care about them!



Gary D. Woods  
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Program Manager

## End of Year Program celebrates successes in 2018



On Wednesday, December 19, 2018, Caritas SCSEP held its annual End of Year Program to acknowledge and celebrate successes during 2018.

Special recognition was given to 22 participants who secured unsubsidized employment during the year, and six Host Agencies that assisted participants with obtaining unsubsidized employment: MERS Goodwill of Fairview Heights and Centralia; Sole to Soul, Lewis and Clark Community College, Clyde C. Jordan, and Catholic Charities of Madison Co.



The celebration was held in the multi-purpose room at the Caritas Regional Office in Belleville and was attended by more than 120 participants, host agency supervisors, and guests. Lunch was provided by Murray’s Catering, and entertainment by the LCCC Gospel Ensemble.

