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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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In Their Own Words: —A SCSEP Testimonial



Each month, Caritas SCSEP conducts meetings in each of the 11 counties served by our program. The

following is a message we recently received from one of the meeting participants.

"I just needed to let you know that I personally received so much today at our first SCSEP monthly meeting here in Litchfield! I want to thank you again for all the encouragement we received from your staff!

"Your team has given me confidence just knowing you are standing with each one of us on

our journey to a successful career!

"I've never been so encouraged by such support in my life time; always felt neglected and abandon[ed] with little confidence my entire life, so I had no hope in trying! This organization is truly God-sent!

"I'm also thrilled you stepped up and explained how this operation works, because, I was getting a totally different perspective at my host agency. I love it there but at the same time it was locking me down in a spirit of fear that I have no hope of improving myself; that I would never be good enough or be

able to move up the ladder! Thank you for releasing me from that bondage of thinking! I'm so very grateful to you and your whole staff!"

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

From the Manager's Desk

In 1976, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the U.S. government.



It is important to remember that Black History Month is a time to celebrate, recollect and reflect on the important roles that African-Americans play in America. While we celebrate accomplishments and share a rich heritage during Black History Month, it is important to embrace the diversity of all people every day. It is the collective contributions of all citizens that make the U.S. the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Let's not just remember the past...let's continue the legacy...today, tomorrow, and beyond.

Gary D. Woods
SCSEP
Program Manager



The History of SCSEP at Caritas Family Solutions



While the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) began in 1965 as a result of the Older Americans Act, our agency has been a program provider since 1974. Originally managing SCSEP counties in the southeastern portion of Illinois, in January 2017 Caritas Family Solutions was awarded SCSEP positions in eleven counties located in the southwestern area of the state.

Caritas provides SCSEP services to more than 130 participants annually in St. Clair, Madison, Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Marion, Montgomery, and Scott counties.

Since 1974, our SCSEP has provided employment opportunities for more than 500 program participants!

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