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## SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

*Providing job training and placement for individuals age 55 or older with limited financial resources and providing employers with trained, motivated workers.*



# SCSEP Newsletter

August 2019

## Caritas Family Solutions Receives Grant from U.S. Department of Labor



Caritas Family Solutions has been awarded a \$723,710 grant from Senior Service America, Inc. Almost 90

percent of this grant – originally from the U.S. Department of Labor – will provide temporary employment to more than 130 low-income older adults living in Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Scott and St. Clair counties in Illinois.

These older adults will participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a major program of the Older Americans Act.

SCSEP is the only federal government program mandated to

assist unemployed older adults seeking to rejoin the workforce by working in their community.

**Caritas SCSEP Site 063 Team**



“We are very pleased to continue our support of Caritas Family Solutions for the 45th consecutive year,” said Gary Officer, Senior Service America, Inc. CEO and President. Caritas Family Solutions has received this annual SCSEP grant since 1974. Senior Service America, Inc. is the second largest sponsor of SCSEP.”

Officer concluded, “Caritas

SCSEP has been responsive to the performance goals established by DOL, expressly the number of persons serviced during the year (140), which represents 181% above goal.”

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

### From the Manager’s Desk

August is National Back to School Month, and at SCSEP



we are not only emphasizing the need to educate our children and grandchildren, but also for program participants, as well. It’s not too late to get that education you have always thought about.

Baby boomers entering their retirement years are heading back to school to boost their job skills. If you’re wondering where the 55+ set is going in droves, the answer is clear: community college. For many, it has breathed new life into their golden years and given them purpose that they’d been missing. Remember, it’s never too late to learn!

Gary D. Woods  
SCSEP Program Mgr.



## National Senior Citizens Day is August 21, 2019



Do you have an elderly person in your life that you love and appreciate? August 21—National Senior Citizens Day—is the day to let them know how much you care about them. Our senior citizens have contributed so much to our communities and helped make them what they are today. National Senior Citizens Day is the day to show them our appreciation and support and recognize them.

It’s also a time to help raise awareness of various issues that affect senior citizens. In 1988 Ronald Reagan declared the holiday, but prior to this many observed August 14 as Senior Citizens Day as it was the day Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935. Today, senior citizens are still very active in their communities and the workforce. They still contribute heavily to our society and for what they have achieved and continue to achieve, so they deserve our thanks.

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