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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 to provide employers with trained, motivated workers



SCSEP Newsletter

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In Their Own Words: —A SCSEP Business Partner Testimonial

For over 45 years, Diversified Maintenance has been



providing client-focused, quality maintenance solutions to facilities across the United States. Currently, the company provides facility maintenance services to over 9,100 client locations nationwide with over 10,000 direct-hire employees and 550+ Field Managers.

Caritas SCSEP has developed a relationship with Diversified Maintenance to provide janitorial technicians to their workforce in the St. Clair/Madison County area.



Brian Kennedy, Area Manager for Diversified says, "The SCSEP

program is invaluable to us at Diversified Maintenance. We have a population of trainees with the experience, knowledge and business acumen to really make a difference! The SCSEP trainees have a fabulous work ethic and are eager to become part of the team. We have had the opportunity to hire more than one participant from the SCSEP program. Great work."

Larnell Robinson is one of those SCSEP trainees who has been promoted to Supervisor after only a few months. He was a tremendous asset to SCSEP, and is and a wonderful person who takes pride in his work and has an energy not often seen in workers half his age.



"This [SCSEP] program is a win/win for the Seniors because not only do we receive training and experience, but the program makes us feel good about ourselves. It makes us feel like we are STILL making a difference," say Robinson.

For more information concerning SCSEP, contact 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



Caritas/SCSEP Conducts its' End of Year Program Cel-



On Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Caritas/SCSEP held its' annual End of Year Program in celebration of 2019; due to weather cancelling last month's scheduled program.

Special recognition was given to 6 outstanding businesses and Host Agencies that assisted some of our 35 participants that obtained unsubsidized employment during 2019. Ding, Ding, Ding!

Host Agencies and businesses that were recognized included: MERS Goodwill, Diversified Maintenance, BCMW, Avodah Management (McDonald's), Hearts United, and Caritas Family Solutions.

The celebration was held at the "Multi-purpose Room" in the Caritas Belleville Regional Office; with over 100 participants, host agency supervisors, and invited guests attending. Lunch was provided by Murray's Catering, and entertainment by DJDC incorporated a 70's "Soul Train" theme.

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