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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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## Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP provides Computer Tablets for



Computer Training 4 Seniors

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

more and more companies require applications and resumes be submitted through an on-line process.

Recognizing this dilemma, through a grant from Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, for supportive services, training, etc., 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. Along with this training, each SCSEP participant will receive a computer tablet to assist them with their job searches, time sheets,

and career exploration.

The Veterans Court Technology Clinic Inc., (VCTC) is a 501(C)(3) organization that has been contracted to instruct our Caritas/SCSEP participants, under the CT4S program. "The workplace



today is 95% computerized, and no matter where you find employment there is a good chance a computer or tablet will be a basic tool you will use," says Kennedy Davis, Founder and Executive Director of VCTC.

In the past five years, VCTC has helped over 600 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, contact 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.

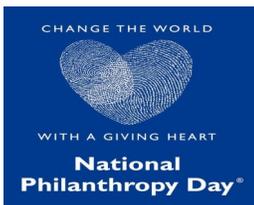
Through their SCSEP community service assignments, bonds are formed and friendships are made. Participants who have no family have mentioned that they have spent Thanksgiving Day with another SCSEP participant or other workers that they've met at their SCSEP training site. To hear this is very heart-warming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



## Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Celebrates National Philanthro-



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, which makes a difference in the world. On behalf of SCSEP, let's celebrate the day by helping others and make an impact on our communities!

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