

Welcome to Senior 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.

Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP is operated under a USDOL grant in cooperation with Senior Service America, Inc. SCSEP is funded by a \$45.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. This funding provides 90% of the support for SCSEP with SSAI providing 10% match of \$5 million. SCSEP is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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In spite of COVID-19, August is still 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
Manager



Caritas Family Solutions Receives \$243,483 Department of Labor (DOL) Grant



Caritas Family Solutions has been awarded a grant of \$243,483 from Senior Services America, Inc. Almost 90 percent of this grant – originally from the U.S. Dept. of Labor – will provide temporary employment to over 130

low-income older adults living in Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Scott, and St. Clair Counties for the next 3 months; or until the contract is amended.

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



SCSEP is the only federal government program mandated to assist unemployed older adults seeking to rejoin the workforce by working in their community.

“We are very pleased to continue our support of Caritas Family Solutions for the 46th 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, “The Caritas SCSEP has been responsive to the performance goals established by DOL, expressly the number of persons to receive Unsubsidized Employment during the year (27), which represents 108% above goal.”

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

National Senior Citizens Day is August 21, 2020



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 appreciations 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, they deserve our thanks.

August Birthdays

Mattie Blue,
Raymond Bowers,
Richard Carman,
Larry Forrest,
Deborah Gray,
Debra Howard,
Catherine Lewis, Tamara McKinney,
and Jeffery Portwood

