

Welcome to 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.

Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP is operated under a USDOL grant and in cooperation with The Center for Workforce Inclusion, 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 The Center providing 10% match or \$5 million. The SCSEP Program is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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**From the Manager**



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 our 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 SCSEP Recertification Drive-Thru!



The Department of Labor requires that all Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) participants be recertified annually to determine continued eligibility for SCSEP with Caritas Family Solutions. The goal of recertification is to verify the family's income and the participant's unemployment status.

For those of you who remember full-serve gasoline stations, drive-through diners, or drive-in theatres — due to COVID-19...those days are back. So, in order to further ensure the safety of our SCSEP 063 participants during this period, we have organized our Caritas SCSEP Recertification Drive-Thru!

Now, I know the concept may seem a little strange, but here's how we do it. We prepared for this year's Caritas SCSEP Recertification Drive-Thru by having our Participant Staff mail as well as e-mail all necessary documents to our participants 30 days prior to our date. Two weeks before Recertification, we conducted a Zoom meeting for all of our participants so we could

go over the forms and establish their appointment time.

Our Participant Staff then prepared our strategy for engaging the participants; utilizing a no-touch / no-contact process; and our Office Manager, Susan Jones, put together our outfits.

Each participant will be given a 15-minute window, and documents will be photocopied, returned, and entered into SPARQ (the Department of Labor database.)

This year's Recertification will take place on August 4, 2021.

**For more information concerning SCSEP, contact 618-688-1180.**



## National Senior Citizens Day is August 21, 2021



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, they deserve our thanks.

### August Birthdays

Ray Bowers,  
Larry Forrest,  
Debra Howard,  
Tamara McKinney,  
and Jeffrey Portwood

