

## 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

September is "International Update Your Resumé Month", and we mark our calendars to remind us to freshen them up with all our latest skills and achievements.



Whether you are currently pounding the pavement or are seeking advancement

beyond your current position, polishing your resumé with your most recent accomplishments and acquired

knowledge will keep talent seekers aware of your abilities.

Avoid the anxiety when opportunity knocks and you realize that your resumé needs major updating. Recalling years of achievement is much more difficult than an annual update.



**Gary D. Woods**  
SCSEP Program  
Manager



## Caritas SCSEP Presents Another Successful Program Completion



Betty Gengler

Betty Gengler has been a participant in the Caritas Family Solutions Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) for the past four (4) years, until she recently accepted a position with the Methodist Church as a Lay Minister.

"It took almost 2 years for a position to open up," Gengler said. "But when it did, I knew I was prepared to do God's work."

Ms. Betty started her time with SCSEP as an Employment Specialist, but was quickly promoted to Assistant Project Director based upon her prior work experience in the insurance industry. In this capacity, Ms. Betty helped our participants think about long-term employment goals, work history, strengths, personal culture, and other factors that related to their vocational goals.

Ms. Betty shared her sentiments of her SCSEP experience. "Thank the program for the opportunity to be part of the SCSEPIAN Family! I will always be

grateful for this season and have love in my heart for all things "SCSEPIAN!"



"I have been blessed to be on this journey with you, and you have blessed my journey to unsubsidized employment.

May we all,

"Embrace and Ace the Change," in finding our God given plan and purpose... Give God the Glory and I will see you down the road at a Holy Spirit filled event. May Wisdom and Joy Fill your Lives!"

Ms. Betty's presence will be missed, but her spirit will live on with the program she helped so tremendously. Ding, Ding, Ding!

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

## Department of Labor Celebrates National Employ Older Workers Week



The last full week of September has been named National Employ Older Workers Week. Even in the midst of the pandemic, according to the U.S.

Department of Labor, by the end of this year, workers older than 55 will make up almost a quarter of the U.S. labor force. As our population ages, older employees will fill an increasingly important position in our economy and our leadership in the world marketplace.

During these times, older, low-income workers have a different set of challenges to overcome; and our participants have been able to develop new skills such as meeting on-line and remote training that prepares them to be more marketable to today's employers. The SCSEP program promotes useful part-time (at minimum wage) training opportunities in community service activities for unemployed low-income persons...who are actively looking for employment.

### September Birthdays

Sherry Dagon,  
Mimi Foster,  
Gwendolyn Clayton,  
Versie Ruffin,  
and Barbara Bester.



### New Employment

Patsy Boyd, Sandra Cox, Constance Davis,  
Betty Gengler, and William Tintera.