

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



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
Manager



For Love of Work and/or Money, More Seniors are Seeking Employment!



Susie Ingram

The Senior Community Service Employment Program is a federal jobs program for 55+ aged, low-income adults. Working part-time for minimum wages, participants assist public agencies including non-profits and government offices.

Participants, who have been out of the workforce or can't find work, hope to eventually go on the payroll of either their host agency or with another employer. Meanwhile, they do real work for host agencies coping with strained budgets.

Susie Ingram is one of them. The 84 year-old (who is Caritas SCSEP's oldest participant) joined the program to train 20 hours a week as a Receptionist / File Maintenance Clerk for a Host Agency. It's the same type of work she's done for many years of her professional life.

"Twenty hours is really a big help to people in the working world, especially if you're a person who's there

to work and not just collect money," Ingram said.

When Ingram joined SCSEP two years ago, she was looking for a way to bring in additional money to pay for her living necessities. She needed income to survive and SCSEP gave her the opportunity to show employers what she could still do. "I love coming to the HA site, and showing 'younger' people what they can do if they put their minds to it," Ingram said.

Caritas' SCSEP has been working with government and non-profit organizations since 1974 to help provide training and additional work experience for those 55 and older.

Ingram stated, "At 84, I still have something to prove...to myself, not anyone else. God has given me the opportunity to continue, and I plan on doing that until he tells me to sit down, or my four years in the program is over."

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

Caritas SCSEP Celebrates National Philanthropy Day

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, and make a world of difference in the world. On behalf of SCSEP, let's celebrate the day by helping others and making a difference!

November Birthdays

Annie Moore,
Lavita Thomas,
Tannie Morris,
and Rita McKnuckles.



Employed One Year

Theron Mason

New Employment

Emily Baker, Gwendolyn Clayton, Joe Mitchell,
and Barbara Hendricks.