

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



2021 has been a difficult year (as it has for all) as our program has lost loved ones due to the pandemic; but, we continue to have hope moving into the New Year.

In 2022, we will continue our “Save Our SCSEP” Campaign, seek employment opportunities for participants, and continue to bring in enrollees in our rural communities. Caritas SCSEP’s initiative with supportive services for our job seekers will continue to be a focus

to help our participants attain unsubsidized employment.

Our pledge to work with other non-profits, community leaders, politicians and organizations to address the issues that plague our seniors, will be a mantra of Caritas SCSEP.



Please enjoy the Holidays, stay safe, and continue to mask up!

Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program Manager



Caritas SCSEP Announces 2021 End of Year Celebration December 15.



Wednesday, December 15, 2021 is the date for the Caritas SCSEP End of Year Program.

This year's commemoration program will again be conducted using "Zoom", because of the pandemic; and will consist of recognition of participants, businesses, and host agencies located in the eleven (11) county area serviced by Caritas SCSEP.

"This year we served over 100 participants located in over 35 host agencies in Metro-East and Southern Illinois counties," said SCSEP Program Manager, Gary Woods. He continued, "Due to COVID-19 this has been a difficult yet good year for the program, and we want to express our gratitude to those people and entities who have gone above and beyond to contribute to this success. We know we can't recognize everyone, but we will continue to acknowledge our deserving partners annually."

Unsubsidized Employment is the cornerstone of the program, and Caritas SCSEP has been successful

in helping place more than 22 individuals during this past year. Woods concluded by saying, "I appreciate Caritas, because in my position, it is my responsibility to assist our seniors with securing unsubsidized jobs; and with that an opportunity to change their economic situations."

"We know getting a job is hard work, and we want to recognize their accomplishment. Twenty-two is good, but we still have work to do."



- SCSEP Program Manager, Gary Woods

The December 15th Zoom celebration will be held from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. Invitations are required, and a food truck catered lunch will be served.

For more information, please contact 618-688-1180.

Host Agencies to be Recognized by Caritas SCSEP



In celebration of the great year 2021 has been for Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP, we will hold our End of Year Recognition Celebration utilizing "Zoom" on Wednesday, December 15.

We will give special recognition to outstanding Host Agencies and Supervisors that have assisted some of our participants with obtaining unsubsidized employment, and 22 participants who secured jobs during the year. Ding, Ding, Ding!

Host Agencies and individuals that will be recognized include: Fonda Jones, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Season Circle Café; Sister Pat Hogrebe, St. Vincent Depaul; and more.

Our Host Agency sites provide appropriate training and supervision throughout the assignment; a safe work environment; sign time sheets and periodically evaluate performance; and consider qualified participants for permanent positions in their agency.

December Birthdays

Brenda Randall,
Mary Upton,
Fatima Syedullah,
and Theron Mason.



New Employment

Susan Jones