

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's Desk



National Volunteer month in the United States takes place

in the month of April. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month. Volunteers come in all ages, shapes and sizes. They pick a cause and make a difference in someone's life. Sometimes the difference is a drop in

the bucket. Other times it creates a tidal wave of change. From the anonymous volunteers who donate their resources, to those whose efforts are part of a larger national organization or a local grassroots group; their missions provide valuable support to communities in times of need.



Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program
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Caritas SCSEP Host Agency: The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

A key purpose of SCSEP is to enable older workers to achieve gainful employment and personal development through community service and training; which is provided by a partnership with Host Agencies; defined as community-based non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation or a government entity that provides part-time training and supervision.

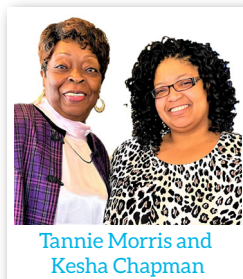


One such agency is the National Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis which exists to empower

African-Americans and others throughout the region through community programs in three counties across the bi-state region; and helps its clients to climb out of poverty by helping them in securing economic self-reliance, social equality, and civil rights. Although headquartered on the Missouri side of the river; two (2) locations have been provided to serve the Illinois market in Fairview Heights and East St. Louis.

The NUL St. Clair County Operations office is spearheaded by DOO, Kesha Chapman, who has had a relationship with SCSEP for many years; and because of this, recently provided an opportunity to a

SCSEP participant who has been with the program for five (5) years, Tannie Morris.



"We are pleased to share that effective April 1, we have officially offered a position to Ms. Tannie Morris, who will be an Urban League official employee working part-time as the St. Clair County Division Receptionist," said

Kesha Chapman. She continued, "Ms. T. has been a gem and delight to our team, community members and clients. We would not have been able to make this addition to our team without the gracious support of your (SCSEP) program."

Many of our other SCSEP host agency supervisors have also found that as permanent jobs become available at their agencies, they are able to fill the positions with trained SCSEP participants, already well versed in the mission of the agency, rather than starting over with untrained or unfamiliar job applicants.

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

April is Celebrate Diversity Month



Let's celebrate Diversity & Equality

April is Celebrate Diversity Month, a celebration that was initiated in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all.

By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, organizers hope that people will get a deeper understanding of each other. It means appreciating that each individual is unique and recognizing our individual differences. It is about accepting each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual. So, let's Celebrate Diversity Month...All year long!

April Birthdays

Matthew White,
Sandra Keel,
and Lora Green.



New Employment

Tannie Morris and Tyrone Lewis