

## 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



May is the month our nation celebrates Older Americans Month (OAM); which is designed to give aging a new voice — one that reflects what today's older adults have to say.

More than ever before, older Americans are working longer, trying new things, and engaging in their communities. They're taking charge, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves

and others. What it means to age has changed, and OAM 2022 is a perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today.

Let's amplify the many voices of older Americans and raise awareness of vital aging issues across the country.



**Gary D. Woods**  
SCSEP Program  
Manager



## Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Celebrates Older Americans Month!



Every May, Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. (CWI), is one of our nation's leaders in the observance of Older Americans Month (OAM).

The 2022 theme, "Age My Way,"

provides an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities. It also shows how planning, participation, accessibility, and making connections all play a role in aging in place — emphasizing that what each person needs and prefers is unique.

Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. (CWI) is the grantor for Caritas SCSEP. CWI President and CEO, Gary Officer is excited about the direction for the senior participants. "There's a socio-cultural bias toward a shrinking youth workforce. We choose to lead workforce development of 50+ Americans and transform the economy and generations of future workers."



Gary Officer

Mr. Officer will be the guest speaker at Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP's celebration of OAM on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, via "Zoom" as we convene together for the first time since 2019. Other speakers include Belleville Mayor Patty Gregory, and other special guests.

Officer continued, "While our celebration may differ as a result of the pandemic; seniors must continue to participate in activities that promote mental and physical wellness, offering your wisdom and experience to the next generation, seeking the mentorship of someone with more life experience than you — those are just a few examples of what aging my way can mean. No matter where you are in your life, there is no better time than now to start."

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

## Farewell to a Long-time SCSEPIan

Caritas SCSEP is saddened to report the passing of one of our long-time participants who succumbed to an



internal illness, George Taylor. "Mr. George" graduated from Lincoln High School in East St. Louis, and received his Bachelors' degree from MacMurray College, as well as a Business Management Certificate from Lakeland College.

Mr. George joined the SCSEP in 2007.

Now I know the question is how did he do that if participants only have a four (4) year durational limit? That's the thing that made Mr. George so special. He knew how to work the program.

Although each participant only has four years, there is no limit as to how many times you can exit the program for unsubsidized employment, and re-enroll into the program. Mr. George would get a job, work as

long as the position lasted... and re-enroll back into SCSEP — having done this at least six (6) times!

So, we say so long for now to our SCSEPIan George Taylor. Job well done, Mr. George!

### May Birthdays

Bobby Wiley Sr.

### New Employment

Tyrone Lewis and Dennis Jackson

