

## 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.

### Inside This Issue

From the Manager. . . . .	1
Happy Fiscal New Year . . . . .	2
Susan Jones. . . . .	2

## From the Manager's Desk



Happy Fiscal New Year!

The program results show

Caritas SCSEP did an outstanding job throughout the 2021-22 fiscal year; and we couldn't have done it without our exceptional participant staff.

Participant Staff members are SCSEP enrollees who are assigned to the Project Office as their training assignment.

Our program is able to bring on credentialed staff who can provide skilled job development and case

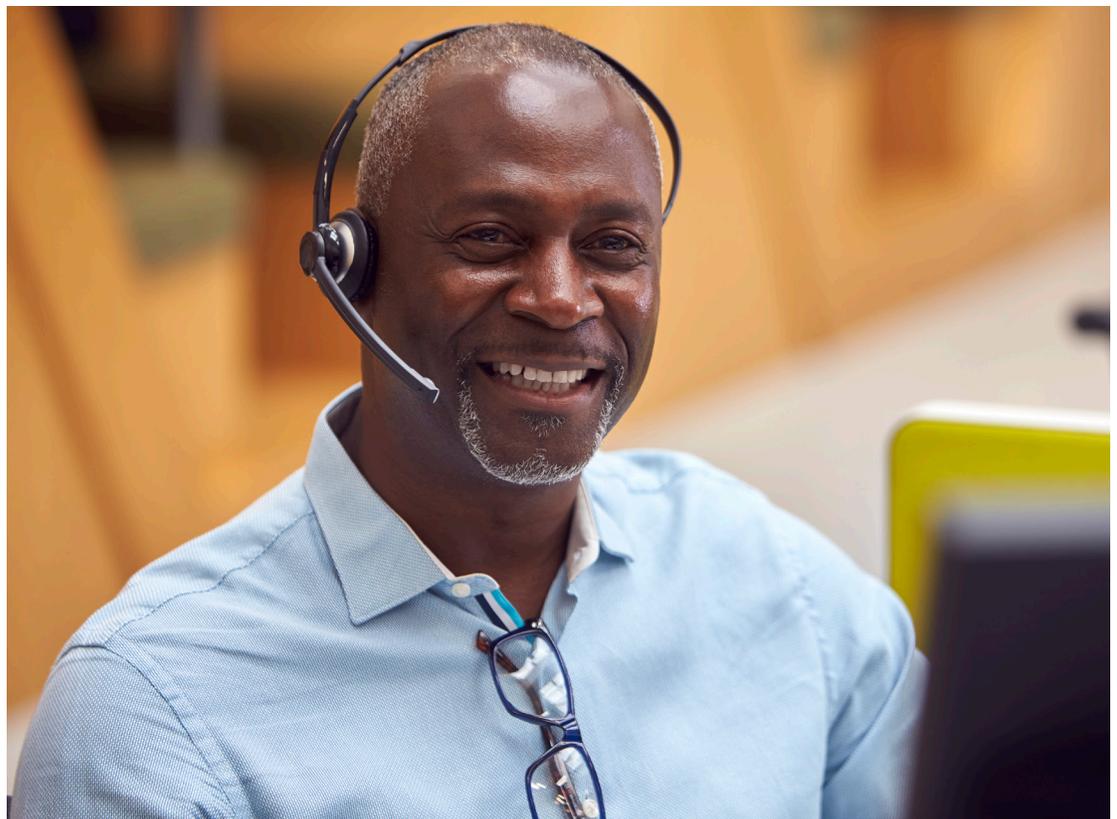
management services. The needs of our program come first, so we try to pick the best!

I would like to acknowledge our team that included: Susan Jones, Robynne Moore, Patricia Lee, Lydia Johnson, Lillie Brown, Sandra Keel, Gwendolyn Clayton, Cherie Conrad, Betty Gengler, and William Tintera.

We thank you for your effort and hard work!



**Gary D. Woods**  
SCSEP Program Manager



## Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Wishes You a Happy Fiscal New Year!



The month of July marks the beginning of our fiscal "New Year;" and Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP finished the last year on a very strong note.

Our program ended the year with 21 Unsubsidized Employments, or Ding, Ding, Dings, which was one (1) more than the goal established by The Center for Workforce Inclusion and the Department of Labor; but in lieu of the coronavirus, this was quite an accomplishment.

Additionally, we currently have 56 participants on our active roster in the 11 counties we service.

"This program delivers a triple win for older adults and the whole community," said Gary Huelsmann, Caritas CEO. He continued, "First, SCSEP participants

are helping more than 40 local community, faith-based, and public agencies carry out their



Caritas SCSEP Site 063 Team

mission. Second, older workers are receiving on-the-job training to enhance their skills. And third, older workers are keeping healthy by remaining connected and not isolated in their community."

"2021-22 was a good program year despite the COVID-19 pandemic; and many low-income older adults still want and need paid work," says Janet Ray, Center for Workforce Inclusion Program Officer. She concluded, "Older Illinoisans are fortunate to be given the opportunity through SCSEP and the dedicated staff of Caritas Family Solutions."

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

## Ding, Ding, Ding...Susan Jones Joins the Caritas Team!



Susan Jones

Susan Jones has been a participant in the Caritas Family Solutions Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) for the past four (4) years, and recently accepted an unsubsidized employment position with

Caritas SCSEP as an Office Program Coordinator. "It took almost 2 years for a position to open up," Jones said. "But when it did, I knew I was prepared for the opportunity."

Ms. Susan started her time with SCSEP as a Data Specialist, but was quickly promoted to Office Manager based upon her prior 25+ years of work experience in office management. In this capacity, Ms. Susan managed and supervised the SCSEP administrative office and staff.

In Ms. Susan's new position, she will continue in her role as OM, but will also maintain the SCSEP Performance and Results QPR System (SPARQ) for verified data, reporting, and compliance for the Department of Labor; and will also act as a liaison between HR and IT.

Ms. Susan shared her sentiments of her SCSEP experience. "I'm thankful for the program and being a member of the 'SCSEPIAN Family,' and I'm glad to be given the opportunity to continue working with SCSEP!"



### July Birthdays

Sherri Cappellano and Lydia Johnson

### New Employment

Brenda Randall and Susan Jones

### Employed One Year

Donna Stacker