



SCSEP Newsletter

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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

As we continue to recover from COVID-19, August is still National Back to School Month, and at SCSEP, we are not only emphasizing the need to educate our children and grandchildren; but also for program participants, as well. It's not too late to get that education you have always thought about.

The pandemic has created new job opportunities that prior had not been explored. Baby boomers entering their retirement years are heading back to school to boost their job skills. If you're wondering where the 55+ set is going in droves, the answer is clear: community college. For many, it has breathed new life into their golden years and given them purpose that they'd been missing. Remember, it's never too late to learn!



Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program
Manager



Caritas SCSEP Receives \$10,000 Grant from Boeing!



Caritas Family Solutions is proud to announce their Senior Community Service Employment Program

(SCSEP) is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing - St. Louis, to be used for supportive services for program participants. SCSEP is a program that gives low-income adults ages 55 and older the opportunity to prepare and return to the labor force. Seniors who qualify receive employment preparation, job search assistance and a paid public service assignment that provides training.

“For an organization like Boeing to understand the work we do and choose to support us is something we are so grateful for,” said SCSEP’s Program Manager Gary Woods. “Boeing’s employees saw our program as beneficial for people in their own community. Thank you to Boeing for giving us this opportunity to do the work we do and change the trajectory of the seniors we serve.”

People that qualify for SCSEP are unemployed and have a family income of no more than 125% of the federal poverty level, making less than \$16,988 annually. Woods said these additional grants can be a lifeline when it comes to helping out these seniors with additional assistance such as interview clothes.

“This grant helps the individuals we serve when they have those unforeseen expenses and need extra support,” said John Becker, Director of Business Development for Caritas. “If we didn’t have these types of grants, we would struggle to get folks out into the workforce and get them the support they need to maintain a job.”

Employees Community Fund of Boeing - St. Louis is a grant program that allows employees of Boeing to donate to charities and non-profit organizations of their choosing.

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

National Senior Citizens Day is August 21, 2022



Do you have an elderly person in your life that you love and appreciate?



August 21—National Senior Citizens Day— is the day to let them know how much you care about them. Our senior citizens have contributed so much to our communities and helped make them what they are today. National Senior Citizens Day is the day to show them our appreciation and support and recognize them.

It’s also a time to help raise awareness of various issues that affect senior citizens. In 1988, Ronald Reagan declared the holiday, but prior to this many observed August 14 as Senior Citizens Day as it was the day Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935. Today, senior citizens are still very active in their communities and the workforce. They still contribute

heavily to our society and for what they have achieved and continue to achieve, they deserve our thanks.

August Birthdays

Ray Bowers, Richard Carman, Larry Forrest, Debra Howard, Tamara McKinney, Jeffrey Portwood, and Sharla Stephens



New Employment

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Employed One Year

William Tintera, Betty Gengler and Constance Davis