



# 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



The holiday season is once again upon us; and it can be a time of joy or a time of loneliness for seniors. One of the joys about SCSEP, in addition to the income seniors are able to earn, is the added sense of "family" developed.

Through their SCSEP community service assignments, bonds are formed and friendships are made. Participants who have no family have mentioned that they have spent Thanksgiving Day with another SCSEP participant or

other workers that they've met at their SCSEP training site. To hear this is very heart-warming and brightens the holiday spirit.

From the Caritas SCSEP staff to all of you, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!



**Gary D. Woods**  
SCSEP Program  
Manager



## Caritas SCSEP Receives \$230,388 Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Grant



Caritas Family Solutions recently announced that it was awarded a \$230,388 workforce inclusion grant from the Illinois Department on

Aging (IDoA). Almost 90 percent of this grant — originally from the U.S. Department of Labor — will provide on-the-job training to no less than 40 low-income older Illinoisans living in the Southern and Central counties of Hancock, Adams, Logan, Menard, Sangamon, Morgan, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Madison, St. Clair, Johnson, Pulaski, and Massac.

This workforce inclusion grant will support Caritas Family Solutions to operate its Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). In its 56th year, SCSEP is a cornerstone program of the Older Americans Act and the only federal job training program targeted exclusively to low-income, older jobseekers. Job seekers who participate in SCSEP

become skilled, reskilled and/or upskilled to meet the local employment needs in their community.

“The partnership with Caritas Family Solutions and the Illinois Department on Aging is essential to our being able to deliver this program in our respective communities,” said Christopher Rogers, IDoA Senior Employment Programs Manager. Rogers added, “By training in SCSEP positions, SCSEP is providing hope and dignity to low-income jobseekers 55 and older who have the toughest employment challenges.”

The Mission of the Illinois Department on Aging is to serve and advocate for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life.

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

## Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Receives \$708,848 Department of Labor (DOL) Grant



Caritas Family Solutions has been awarded a grant of

\$708,848 from The Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. Almost 90 percent of this grant — originally from the U.S. Department of Labor — will provide temporary employment to at least 90 low-income older adults living in Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, and St. Clair Counties. These older adults will participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) a major program

of the Older Americans Act. SCSEP is the only federal government program mandated to assist unemployed older adults seeking to rejoin the workforce by working in their community.

“We are very pleased to continue our support of Caritas Family Solutions for the 48th consecutive year,” said Gary Officer, Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. CEO and President. Caritas Family Solutions has received this annual SCSEP grant since 1974. Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. is the second largest sponsor of SCSEP.

## Special Recognition

SCSEP Office Program Coordinator Susan Jones enjoyed dressing up for Halloween, and we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge her for bringing some fun to the program. We hope you enjoy her many looks and detailed effort.



## November Birthdays

Vicki Foster

## Employed One Year

Gwendolyn Clayton

