



# 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



2022 has been a great year, as our program achieved all program goals set by the Department of Labor, CWI, and IDoA.

In 2023, we will continue our "Save Our SCSEP" Campaign, seek employment opportunities for participants, and continue to bring in enrollees in our rural communities. Caritas SCSEP's initiative with supportive services for our job seekers will continue to be a focus to help our participants attain unsubsidized employment.

Our pledge to work with other non-profits, community leaders, politicians, and organizations to address the issues that plague our seniors, will be a mantra of Caritas SCSEP.

Please enjoy the Holidays and remember, "The only time you look down on a



person...is when you're helping them up!"

**Gary D. Woods**  
SCSEP Program  
Manager



## Caritas SCSEP Announces 2022 End of Year “Golden Ticket” Celebration



Wednesday, December 21, 2022 is the date for the Caritas SCSEP End of Year Celebration.

The commemoration program will consist of recognition of participants, businesses, and host agencies located in the eleven (11) county area serviced by Caritas SCSEP.

“This year we served over 100 participants located in over 35 host agencies in Metro-East and Southern Illinois counties,” said SCSEP Program Manager, Gary Woods. He continued, “As we are starting to see progress with COVID-19 leveling off, this has been a good bounce-back year for the program, and we want to express our gratitude to those people and entities who have gone above and beyond to contribute to this success. We know we can’t recognize everyone, but we will continue to acknowledge our deserving partners annually.”



Unsubsidized Employment is the cornerstone of the program, and Caritas SCSEP has been successful in helping place more than 20 individuals during this past year. Woods concluded by saying, “I appreciate Caritas, because in my position, it is my responsibility to assist our seniors with securing unsubsidized jobs; and with that an opportunity to change their economic situations.”

“We know getting a job is hard work, and we want to recognize their accomplishment. Twenty is good, but we still have work to do.”

This year’s theme is “SCSEP...The Golden Ticket” and the December 21 celebration will be held at the “Multi-purpose Room” in the Caritas Belleville Regional Office, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Invitations are required, and a catered lunch will be served. For more information, please contact 618-688-1180.**

## Host Agencies to be Recognized by Caritas SCSEP



In celebration of the great year 2022 has been for Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP, we will hold our End of Year Recognition Celebration on Wednesday, December 21.

We will give special recognition to 6 outstanding Host Agencies, businesses, and partners that have assisted some of our participants with training opportunities and obtaining unsubsidized employment; and 20 participants who secured jobs. Ding, Ding, Ding!

Host Agencies and businesses that will be recognized include: Bibleway House of Prayer, Clyde C. Jordan Senior Citizens Center, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Ernst & Young, United Way, and Illinois Department on Aging.

Our Host Agency sites provide appropriate training and supervision throughout the assignment, a safe work environment, sign time sheets and periodically evaluate performance, and consider qualified participants for permanent positions in their agency.

### December Birthdays

Michael Allen, Denise Kirby, Steve Scott, Patsy Boyd, Theron Mason, Fatima Syedullah, Selena Pearson, Shirley Thomas, and Samuel Thomas.

### New Employment

Sandra Trump

