



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

Caritas Family Solutions is announcing the departure of Gary D. Woods as the Program Manager for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Grant.

Program Manager, Gary Woods expressed his thoughts on leaving Caritas Family Solutions. "I love this program and the jobseekers. On the heels of Older Americans Month, I believe this is a perfect time for all SCSEPIans to become drum majors for change and build on current efforts improving the economic plight of our 55+ population. And of course, if you want to affect change in the community

and people around you, one must stand up and do something."

"I appreciate the opportunity Caritas afforded me, because in my position it was my responsibility to assist our seniors with garnering unsubsidized employment; and I hope that over these six (6) great years, I have helped to positively affect their economic situations. In my new venture, I am



blessed to continue working with the senior population...but there's no place like SCSEP!"

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 2023 theme is *Aging Unbound*, which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes.

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 job seekers. "There's a socio-cultural bias toward a shrinking youth workforce. We choose to lead workforce development of 55+ Americans and

transform the economy and generations of future workers."

Caritas SCSEP will conduct a special observance of Older Americans Month on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the Caritas Regional Office in Belleville. Belleville Mayor Patty Gregory, will provide a proclamation commemorating Older Americans Month.

Officer continued, "Join us in promoting flexible thinking about aging — and how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent, and included.

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.

May is Older Americans Month (OAM)



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 2023 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!



May Birthdays

Bobby Wiley Sr.

