



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Senior Aide Employment Program

Overview

As adults age, some seniors find themselves in difficult situations when their retirement income does not meet their expenses. They may not be able to afford both their medication and their rent, or they get sick and their medical expenses use the majority of their savings. Older adults, especially those with limited experience or health problems, may have difficulties finding a job in today's market.

Catholic Charities Senior Aide Employment Program offers government-funded employment and training for low-income individuals 55 years and older. The Senior Aide Employment Program helps seniors obtain work through resume building, job searching, and job placement. Not only do seniors receive an income, they also develop a sense of community and purpose.

Seniors work part-time in social service agencies and government organizations while obtaining skills for unsubsidized employment. Jobs range from teachers' aides and lunchroom monitors to maintenance staff and mailing room assistants.

Services

- **RESUME BUILDING:** Job training classes are offered to assist seniors with resume writing and interview skills. Catholic Charities also works with host agencies that will give seniors on-the-job training to help them establish work experience.
- **JOB SEARCHING:** The Senior Aide Employment Program helps seniors find job openings and develops relationships with employers for them, usually with part-time jobs at social service agencies or government organizations.
- **JOB PLACEMENT:** Through training and assistance, seniors who are disabled, have limited education, and/or limited work experience are able to obtain support and employment.

Client Testimony

DONALD: *I have always wanted to keep busy and work ... to pay my bills and keep a roof over our heads. The Senior Aide Employment Program helped me get a job as an Activity Aide at Catholic Charities St. Ailbe Adult Day Services. I'm one of the first people here in the morning, making sure we're ready to go. I love the staff and the participants are like family to me. I don't ever want to be without them, not one day of the week.*

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