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## **SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE AND THORNTON TOWNSHIP PARTNER TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR RESIDENTS**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – South Suburban College and Thornton Township have pooled resources to help residents with training and job opportunities. This collaboration has saved taxpayer dollars by helping clients get off of General Assistance and into gainful employment. For the past 18 months, residents have received almost 7,000 hours of training, resulting in at least 150 job placement opportunities. Residents have received training and education in OSHA, Forklift certification, Food Safety and Sanitation, various computer skills and many others.

Additionally, General Assistance participants have received Adult Education training in order to receive their GED diploma, with 57 participants between the food pantry and Riverdale Community Center. “I am grateful to Thornton Township and South Suburban College for providing me with a chance to better myself,” said resident Vincent Love. Love added, “Because of this program, I was able to get training and find a job. I don’t have to rely on General Assistance, anymore.”

More information on Thornton Township programs is available at [www.ThorntonTownship.com](http://www.ThorntonTownship.com). South Suburban College GED information is available at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2227. For more information about all of SSC’s programs, admissions and registration, please visit [www.ssc.edu](http://www.ssc.edu) or contact the Admissions Office at (708) 210-5718.

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