

## **Senior Services**

- Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Food Services
- EISEP & Neighborhood Advisor

## **Eastwood Community Center Board Report January 2022**

### **Eastwood Community Center enrollment:**

- 60 active seniors at month-end January

### **Eastwood Community Center Highlights:**

- The FSD nutrition program is serving 10-12 seniors daily
- Two-Three of these seniors are having meals delivered
- Approximately 4-5 seniors are dining on-site
- A monthly informational mailing to the seniors includes a newsletter, monthly menu, updates on COVID 19, along with community information
- Tablet training is in its fourth session starting with 3 ECC seniors participating plus 13 FGP participants.
- Activities for fully-vaccinated seniors include: Tablet Training, Game Day, Art/Crafts, Walking with Oscar & Book Club
- For the holiday party, ECC served 24 seniors on-site and 27 meals to go

### **Monitoring & Assistance provided to Eastwood Community Center's seniors:**

On a regular basis we are reaching out to the seniors who are home-bound and receiving meals to-go insuring their safety and on-going needs are met.

### **Success Story:**

None to Report in January

**Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:**

- 85 enrolled
- 2 dropped – 1 employment, 1 retirement
- 2 inactive

**FGP Updates:**

**Temporary Disaster and Emergency Stipend Allowance:**

FGP submitted a request to our federal funder and recently received approval for a temporary disaster & emergency stipend allowance which will allow our FGs to receive 10 weeks of regular stipend pay from January 26 through April 5, 2022. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, the vast majority of volunteers are unable to serve safely and all have exhausted all available quarterly PTO leave. FGs will receive stipend hours/pay based on their pre-pandemic weekly service schedule. This is great news; as those in Washington, DC recognize that we are still in an emergency/disaster crisis and our priority is to keep our seniors safe.

Included in our request was the following data:

- The city of Syracuse still dominates the list of zip codes with the lowest Covid-19 vaccination rates in Onondaga County. Of the zip codes with 10 lowest rates of fully vaccinated individuals in the county, seven are in the city of Syracuse – with an average rate of 54.9% of fully vaccinated individuals (1/17/22). **Located within those 7 city zip codes are 18 of our volunteer stations – elementary schools, Head Starts and day care centers. 72% of our foster grandparents live in those zip codes.**
- **Low vaccination rates for children 5 to 11 years of age.** As of 1/18/2022 in Onondaga County, only 36.1% of children ages 5 – 11 have received one dose, while only 28.6% have completed the vaccine series.

**Return to Service – In-person Volunteer Service:**

- 2 – Foster grandparents serving at Head Start: Merrick & James St.
- 1 – foster grandparent serving at Salvation Army Day Care Center
- FGs are exposed to COVID on a regular basis while serving and have to test negative to return to site. Unfortunately 2 FGs have tested positive but have recuperated with no major effects from the virus.
- SCSD – no update on when FGs can return to service at elementary schools.
- 5 unvaccinated seniors – therefore cannot participate in group activities

**January Activities:**

**Remote Volunteering Project**

- Using donated coloring books, 6 FGs colored one page in each book and wrote a note to the student. Coloring books were delivered to 6 classrooms for a total 141 students. Students were encouraged to color a page and send back to the FGs. Anticipated outcome is to increase student's socialization skills with adult role model.

**FGP Tablet Tech Training**

- 9 FGs began Tablet Technology Training – 5 week session started 1/18/22
- Planning to offer weekly open computer labs in March so those FGs completing the training can come in, use tablets and WIFI and practice skills learned in training.

**SENIOR SUPPORTS: Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP  
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**EISEP – Jessica Brown, Case Manager**

**Client Activity:**

- 41 Active Clients
- 0 new clients
- 1 clients discharged/terminated
- 15 home visits
- 112 units of service

**Activities:**

1/27/2022 – Onondaga County Dept. of Aging – Monthly In-Service by Zoon  
Refresher on Medicaid and SNAP - 1.5 hours

**Neighborhood Advisor Program – Rene Green**

**Client Activities:**

- 16 clients assisted
- Areas of support:
  - Medicare/Medicaid/Health Insurance
  - Health – Dental Issues
  - Food Pantry & Home Delivery
  - SNAP application
  - Transportation options
  - HEAP & Weatherization referrals

**Activities:**

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Refresher on Medicaid and SNAP - 1.5 hours

1/20/2022 – NYSERDA Winter Assistance to Help Consumers” workshop by Zoom  
1.5 hours

1/12/2022 – NYSOFA – Peer Place Data Management System training by Zoom  
1.5 hours

## **Food Services Board Report February 2022**

### **Food Services Meals Served: January**

#### **Head Start Meals:**

- 4,968 Breakfast
- 4,968 Lunches
- 4,752 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 3,632

#### **Special Function Meals Delivered:**

- 0 Breakfast
- 0 Lunch
- 0 Snack

### **Senior Nutrition Contribution:**

- Net contribution:  
\$ 6,000.48
- Average Meal Contribution:  
\$1.65

### **Upcoming Events:**

Salina Civic Center is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday's and Thursday's starting March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Onondaga Senior Center will be adding Tuesday's to their schedule starting March 1<sup>st</sup>.

A training has been schedule for all of our Site Managers on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Eastwood Community Center and on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Camillus Senior Center.

### **Program Opportunities:**

The Town of Geddes Parks and Recreation Department has contacted us about potentially opening a congregate dining site at the John Carno Recreation Center.

### **Success Story:**