

Senior Services

- Food Services/Senior Nutrition
- Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center
- Foster Grandparent Program

2025-11

SENIOR NUTRITION

November: **5,712** Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ **\$10,259.13** total senior contributions, average of **\$1.80** per diner.

224 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced **\$1,410.63**)

HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

November: Head Start Breakfast: **9,120** Salvation Army Kids: **1,020** (Invoiced **\$4,617.39**)

Head Start Lunch: **9,432**

Head Start Snack: **9,768**

Early Head start (Breakfast/Lunch/Snack): **1,536/ 1,536/ 1,488**

Food Service Program Updates NOVEMBER

☞ Senior Sites received their Harvest meals through out the month for a total of 1291 thanksgiving meals served. The director and asst. director helped serve meals at sites. Largest Harvest meal count day was 624.

☞ Senior Nutrition signed up for the December Senior Fair at the SRC Arena 12/05/205.

☞ Site Parties: Canton Woods held a 85+y/o Birthday party; Camillus had a Veteran's Day lunch celebration.

Program Opportunities

Food Service has a full time opening for a FT Driver position. We are currently interviewing for the position.

Eastwood Community Center Board Report December 2025

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 77 registered seniors at month-end November

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Approximately 25+ seniors are dining on-site daily
- A monthly informational mailing to the seniors includes a newsletter, monthly menu, activities, along with community information
- Activities for seniors include: Movie Day, Smart Device Training, Game Day, Art/Crafts, Bunko, Bingo, Walking with Oscar & Book Club.
- There were 380 voters on election day at ECC
- The annual Harvest Meal on 11/21/25 had 61 seniors in attendance
- There was no monthly breakfast club outing in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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



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Foster Grandparent Program Board Report November 2025 Recap



FGP Updates

Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment

- 56 enrolled
- 2 drops – 2 jobs, 1 health issues

FGP Activities

In-Service

- November 5 ~ 26 FGs
- November 6 ~ 25 FGs

FGs Role and Support of Early Childhood Literacy

- Guest Speaker from Child Care Solutions
- Understanding brain development with infants/toddlers – reading, talking and singing. Pre-literacy skills – how to create a learning environment, nurturing the use of language and communications, implementing early language experiences in a developmentally appropriate way. Story Time, reading and listening to books aids attention span, concentration & problems solving. Social and emotional impacts – connecting with little learners. Academic success linked to early literacy. Kindergarten readiness – words, letters, writing skills. Games and activities to encourage literacy development.
- Distributed Reading Kits to all FGs – age appropriate materials to be used in classroom, at home with grandchildren or with any children.
- Funded by Literacy Coalition grant received in March 2025

Return to Service:

- FGs returned to SCSD elementary school on November 12
- Superintendent Odom signed Memorandum of Understanding 11/10/25

Placements:

Upcoming Events

- December In-Service – 12/3 and 12/4
 - Guest Speakers: Head Start and Syracuse City School District
 - Topic: How FGs can support Goals and Plans