

Senior Services

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

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Eastwood Community Center Board Report April 2022

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 60 active seniors at month-end April

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 fifth session
- Activities for fully-vaccinated seniors include: Tablet Training, Game Day, Art/Crafts, Walking with Oscar & Book Club

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:

The Tablet Training class is allowing seniors to gain new skills in technology and to connect with their families, friends and the community. In-session labs started in April where participants are given individualized instruction to help reinforce learning while asking questions. One senior, Ellie, a FGP brought in her new tablet to be set up. Rollin worked with her to get the tablet up and running along with apps, email and internet access. Ellie walked away happy and confident after getting her tablet operational and is having a great time using it.



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Foster Grandparent Program Board Report ~ April 2022



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 83 enrolled

FGP Updates:

Extension of temporary disaster and emergency stipend allowance granted

- 10 weeks covering 4/20/22 – 6/28/22.
- 1 FG serving in-person at Salvation Army Day Care Center.
- 5 unvaccinated seniors cannot participate in-person group activities
- As of 5/10/22, in Onondaga County, only 38.1% of children ages 5 – 11 have completed the vaccine series.

April Activities:

FGP Tablet Tech Training

- New session of Tablet Technology Training started on 3/8/22
- 8 FGs completed 5 week session on 4/5/22
- Computer Labs – April 12 – 19 – 26
 - Those FGs completing Tablet Training invited to come in, use tablets and practice skills learned in previous classes. 8 FGs attended

In-Service

- Session 1: April 21 – 23 FGs
- Session 2: April 28 – 30 FGs
- **Mother's Day Make and Take Kits for Head Start Children**
Service Activity: FG volunteers assembled 275 growing kits that were delivered to 3 Head Start Centers – for children in time for Mother's Day - to be taken home and completed with their mothers/family. Step by step instructions were included with all the necessary items included in their kit. At In-Serve, FGs divided into workstations - each group having a specific task to do: cutting out paper flowers, cutting out stickers, preparing sticks, bagging dirt, bagging seeds, and bagging all items into one kit/bag with instructions. The volunteers had a great time - a good team building exercise. Spent less than \$150 on supplies for this project.
- **Stretching Food Dollars – Food Program/Services for Seniors in CNY**
Alice Webster, Nutrition Outreach, Food Bank of CNY ~ SNAP, Food Sen\$e, Fresh Food Sites/Mobile Food Pantries, Just Say Yes to Fruits and Veggies, etc.
- **Discussion: Syracuse's overall child poverty rate of 48.4% is highest in US.**
www.syracuse.com/data/2022/04/child-poverty-in-syracuse-3-sets-of-numbers-tell-a-troubling-story.html
www.syracuse.com/news/2022/04/a-syracuse-school-sits-on-the-frontlines-of-nations-worst-child-poverty-it-was-a-gut-punch.html

National Volunteer Week April 17 – 23

- In recognition of National Volunteer week 2022, we presented each FG with a \$10 gift card to WalMart.



Food Services Board Report May 2022

Food Services Meals Served: April

Head Start Meals:

- 5,054 Breakfast
- 5,304 Lunches
- 5,040 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 4,366

Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 0 Lunch
- 0 Snack

Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution:
\$ 7,482.14
- Average Meal Contribution:
\$1.71

Upcoming Events:

Program Opportunities:

We are currently working on getting approval to open a new congregate meal site at the John Carno Center in the Town of Geddes. Other groups interested in opening congregate sites have also contacted us.

Success Story: The CARES Home Meal Delivery Program has been a tremendous success. The program has positively impacted 67 clients since April 2020. Our target for the program duration was to serve 50 clients. We also have served 20,744 meals to those clients. Our goal was to serve 20,800 meals and we still have 2 more quarters to provide service.

SENIOR SUPPORTS: Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP Board Report ~ April 2022

EISEP Case Manager – Position Open

Client Activity:

- 37 Active Clients
- 1 Home Visit
- 47 units of service

Hiring Update:

- 4 applicants were interviewed in early April for the open position. A candidate was selected and scheduled to begin work on 4/19/22. The candidate no showed with no follow-up or contact.
- Rene Green, Neighborhood Advisor, has agreed to spend 2 days a week working on the EISEP case load. We have adjusted her salary to account for the temporary assignment, effective 4/18/21. Onondaga County approved this arrangement until we can again find a candidate. Rene previously worked as EISEP Case Manager so she easily adjusted to EISEP work.

Neighborhood Advisor Program – Rene Green

Client Activities:

- 5 clients assisted
- 12 units of service
- Areas of support:
 - Health referrals
 - HEAP application assistance
 - Legal Aid referral
 - Housing options
 - Emotional Support

Activities:

4/12/2022 - Outreach at Jordan Elbridge Senior Center

4/28/2022- Onondaga County Dept. of Aging – Monthly In-Service – Food and Nutrition Programs/services/access for seniors - 1.5 hours