

Senior Services

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

Eastwood Community Center Board Report January 2023

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 68 active seniors at month-end January

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Two-Three of these seniors are having meals delivered
- Approximately 10-15 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: Tablet Training, Game Day, Art/Crafts, Bunko, Bingo, Walking with Oscar & Book Club
- Numerous donations were also picked up by the ECC volunteers and distributed
- Several regular donations were picked up and distributed during the month
- ECC's seniors are sorting and processing various items

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:

Sal, a WWII and Korean War veteran is becoming more involved through the donation program. He has been spearheading the effort of working with another senior in processing and valuing the goods donated. This is a huge plus as Sal has brightened-up and is more socially involved with the program now. He is doing great work and we are proud of his contribution to the agency.

Foster Grandparent Program Board Report ~ February 2023

Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 69 enrolled
 - 6 dropped – 3 health issues, 1 transportation issues, 2 personal/family issues
 - 4 inactive – current personal/medical issues
 - 3 new enrollees

FGP Updates:

Stipend Increase – Effective 4/1/23, the FGP stipend increases to \$4.00 per hour. (Current hourly stipend is \$3.15). This will be a great financial benefit to our foster grandparents – all who live at 200% of the federal poverty level or less. Unfortunately, AmeriCorps Seniors will not be increasing our grant funding to cover the increased costs of stipends. We will need to adjust the number of slots we have available for participants. We will be reducing from the current 85 slots available through June 20, 2023 to 67 slots available effective 7/1/23.

January In-Service

- **January 18 ~ 24 FGs**
- **January 19 ~ 28 FGs**
 - **Topic: “Darkness to Light” by McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center.** Sexual abuse prevention training educates adults on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Training integrates empowerment skills with the 5 steps to protect our children: 1. Learn the Facts 2. Minimize Opportunity 3. Talk About It 4. Recognize the Signs and 5. React Responsibly.
 - **Topic: Reading Skills Development by Jenn Gaffney, FGP Coordinator,** Approaches to Reading Skill Development, How to Develop Skills While Reading Aloud, Book & Context Skills, Context Clues for Comprehension, Importance of Word Play, 11 Word Games to use with children.

New Volunteer Orientation

- January 10 – 17 at Eastwood Community Center – group training/classroom style
- 3 new volunteers completed 20 hours of pre-service orientation

Placement Sites

- **14 Syracuse City School District Elementary Schools**
 - 9 FGs in Kindergarten
 - 22 FGs in First Grade
 - 15 FGs in Second Grade
 - 3 FGs in Third Grade
 - 1 FG in library/computer lab
- **Head Start/Early Head Start**
 - 8 FGs in Head Start
 - 2 FGs in Early Head Start
- **PEACE, Inc. Family Resource Center**
 - 1 FG in youth programs

Food Services Board Report February 2023

Food Services Meals Served: January

Head Start Meals:

- 7,896 Breakfast
- 7,896 Lunches
- 7,896 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 5,138

Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 75 Lunch
- 0 Snack

Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution:
\$ 8,495.69
- Average Meal Contribution:
\$1.65

Upcoming Events:

The Marcellus Senior Nutrition site is scheduled to start serving the second Thursday of each month starting on February 9th.

Program Opportunities:

Providence House apartments is interested in starting congregate meals back up 2 days per week. Once we have a dedicated Site Manager for that location we will be able to get this process started.

Success Story: Senior Nutrition participation has increased tremendously. For example, we served approximately 2,000 more meals January 2023 compared to January 2022 (this includes Salvation Army)

SENIOR SUPPORTS: Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP

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EISEP Case Manager – Rachel DeFio

Client Activity:

- ◆ 44 Active Clients
- ◆ 3 new clients
- ◆ 6 discharged clients
- ◆ 98 units of service
- ◆ 13 Home Visits

Activities:

- 1/4/23 - EISEP Case Managers Monthly Meeting with County Dept. of Aging
- 1/18/23 – Onondaga Dept. of Adult & Long Term Care Services Monthly Trainings - - Medicaid Eligibility Changes
- 1/19/23 – Training Meeting with EISEP Elderly Services Coordinator

Neighborhood Advisor Program – Rene Green

Client Activities:

- 12 clients assisted
- 29 units of service
- Areas of support:
 - HEAP application assistance
 - SNAP application assistance
 - Food Pantry Support & Grocery Shopping service
 - Health Insurance referral
 - Transportation Referrals
 - Health Insurance Guidance

Activities:

- 1/10/23 – Outreach Visit to Jordan Elbridge Senior Center
- 1/18/23 – Onondaga Dept. of Adult & Long Term Care Services Monthly Trainings - - Medicaid Eligibility Changes
- 1/24/23 – Webinar - NYS Wide Senior Action Council Patient Advocates: Unwinding After /the Public Health Emergency Ends: Transitions to Coverage & Assistance Under Medicare/ Medicaid & the Medicare Savings Program.
- 1/25/23 Webinar – New Year. New Rules. New Challenges. How Enhanced Care Coordination & Technology are Game Changers for NY Seniors.
- 1/25/23 –Webinar - Person-centered approach to elder abuse and victim support & assistance
- 1/26/23 Webinar - Reentry: Advocating for Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults
- 1/31/23 Webinar - Legal Basics: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – how SNAP serves older adults, how to help clients access the program and receive the maximum benefit amount, and tips and strategies for overcoming access barriers.