

Senior Services

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

11-2023

Eastwood Community Center Board Report November 2023

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 84 registered seniors at month-end September
- One new seniors enrolled

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Approximately 20+ 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
- The ECC Harvest Meal hosted 70 seniors. 55 on-site and 15 to-go
- ECC serves as an election site for Eastwood residents. There were 242 people who voted between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm on November 7th, 2023
- ECC held a Rabies Vaccination Clinic for Syracuse residents sponsored by the Onondaga County health department. 85 residents showed up with a total of 150 cats and dogs to be vaccinated on November 9th, 2023.

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.

Success Story:

The Smart Device Class continues to close the technology gap for seniors. This month Judy, a former participant in the class purchased an iPhone 14. This was done with the help of Rollin Mincher by assisting Judy in navigating various cell phone providers along with their plans. After meeting with the providers, Judy was able to select the best provider and plan to meet her technology and telecommunication needs. This is huge as Judy moved from a flip phone to a smart device seamlessly because of participating in the class.



Food Services Board Report December 2023

Food Services Meals Served: November

Head Start Meals:

- 8,544 Breakfast
- 8,548 Lunches
- 7,612 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 6,279

Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 60 Lunch
- 0 Snack

Salvation Army Seniors: 450

Salvation Army Children: 950

Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution:
\$10,163
- Average Meal Contribution:
\$1.63

Upcoming Events:

Program Opportunities:

Open positions:

1- Cook Position

Success Story:

Senior Nutrition successfully served 1,069 Thanksgiving meals in November.



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Foster Grandparent Program Board Report November 2023



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 74 enrolled
 - 1 dropped – did not finish orientation
 - 2 Inactive – to be dropped soon

FGP Updates:

November in-Service

- November 15 ~ 29 FGs
- November 16 ~ 32 FGs
- How Seniors Can Meet their Energy Needs:
Mary Beth Basha, Senior Consumer Advocate, National Grid - HEAP info, assistance for low-income customers, energy efficiency programs, energy saving tips, etc.
- Surge Link/Expanding Broadband Access in Syracuse
Community Broadband Networks, Gabriel Freeman
High-speed internet service offered by the City for eligible residents. No cost for eligible household in Near Westside, Southside and Brighton Neighborhood. Most FGs eligible for this service, which includes discounts on laptop or tablet

FGP Advisory Council Meeting - 11/30/23

Placement Sites

Head Start – Early Head Start:

- 14 at 5 Head Start Centers
- 1 at Eastside Family Resource Center/Afterschool Program

SCSD ~ 14 Elementary Schools:

- 4– UPK
- 7 – K
- 25 – First Grade
- 16 – Second Grade
- 3 – Third Grade

FGP Recruitment

- Current waitlist with 15 interested in joining FGP
- Will need to examine stipend budget in early January to determine # of available FG slots.
- Possible orientation in late January.

Upcoming Events:

- In-Service – December 13 & 14

SENIOR SUPPORTS
Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP
Board Report ~ November 2023

EISEP Case Manager – Rachel DeFio

Rachel DeFio's last day was 11/9/2023. She accepted a job with Onondaga County. We recently completed second interviews and a candidate has accepted the position and will begin on 12/18/23. Onondaga County Dept. of Aging will provide intensive training.

Client Activity:

- ♦ 50 Active Clients
- ♦ 1 discharged clients
- ♦ 3 Home visits
- ♦ 8 units of case management service

Neighborhood Advisor Program

Theresa Garafalo started as new Neighborhood Advisor on 11/8/2023. She works out of the County West Family Resource Center and is in the office on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. She has completed training with the Onondaga County Dept. of Aging