

Senior Services

- Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center
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 - EISEP & Neighborhood Advisor
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Eastwood Community Center Board Report January 2024

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 84 registered seniors at month-end January
- 0 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

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 senior nutrition program is feeding our most vulnerable seniors on a daily basis at senior sites throughout the county. At ECC we are seeing an increase of daily meals being served in the area of 20+. Fridays are upwards of 40. Some seniors are still taking advantage of take-out meals. Others choose to dine on-site. For a few, the on-site dining has become a regular daily staple for them. Not necessarily for activities and lunch, but for the food security lunch provides. The senior lunch program provides the needed nutrition for those who are facing food insecurity in our community.



Food Services Board Report February 2024

Food Services Meals Served: January

Head Start Meals:

- 9,504 Breakfast
- 9,504 Lunches
- 9,024 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 6,490

Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 75 Lunch
- 0 Snack

Salvation Army Meals:

- Child Lunches 1,260
- Senior Lunches 525

Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution:
\$ 10,729.09
- Average Meal Contribution:
\$1.65

Upcoming Events:

Program Opportunities:

We have one full time cook opening

Success Story: After a tremendous year of rebuilding the Senior Nutrition program, that momentum has already carried into 2024. In January 2024, we served 1,352 more senior meals than compared to January 2023.



Foster Grandparent Program Board Report January 2024



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 69 enrolled
 - 1 dropped – accepted job with SCSD
 - 2 to be dropped soon – 1 health issues – 1 family issues

FGP Updates:

January In-Service

- January 17 ~ 28 FGs
- January 18 ~ 24 FGs
- ❖ Understanding Trauma with children and Trauma Informed Practices
 - Child Care Solutions trainers
 - Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences
 - Self-regulation activities, toys and equipment
 - Preventative measures – positive relationships/trust, simple rules, calm environment, communications/listening, encouragement, redirection.
 - How to implement calming activities

FGP Recruitment & Orientation

- Next new volunteer orientation – Start February 12 – 20 hours of classroom training.
- Wait list of 15 interested in becoming foster grandparents.
- Will interview and conduct background criminal history checks prior to acceptance.
- Possibly do another orientation in Late March if enough interest

Upcoming Events:

- In-Service –February 6 & 7
 - Community Needs Assessment listening session
 - By Todd Goehle, VP Strategy and Operations resented by Child Care Solutions
- Winter Break Optional Activities:
 - 2/21 – FGP Game Day – Uno, Pictionary, Scrabble, etc.
 - 2/22 – Movie Day – “Good Will Hunting”

SENIOR SUPPORTS
Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP
Offices at County West FRC
Board Report – January 2024

EISEP Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle

Client Activity:

- 30 clients
 - 3 home visit/reassessment
 - 1 Initial intake/home visit
 - 20 units of service
 - 1 client dropped – moved to Nursing Facility
- Due to changes from NYS and Onondaga County Dept. of Aging, 21 clients receiving Caregivers Respite services were moved off Jackie's caseload and transferred to County case manager. Jackie will serve clients receiving only housekeeping and personal care services.
- Continuing to receive intense training and support from EISEP program manager at Onondaga County Dept. of Aging.

Neighborhood Advisor Program
Theresa Garafalo

Client Activity:

- 16 clients assisted
- 41 units of service
- Areas of support:
 - Housing options
 - Transportation referrals
 - Referral to SHARP – mental health support
 - Wellness Checks & Misc. support