

Senior Services

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

Eastwood Community Center Board Report March 2025

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 90 registered seniors at month-end **February**
- 2 new seniors enrolled

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- February continued to be a quiet month. There were several snow days again.
- 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 seniors visited Fire Keepers for breakfast on February, 27th. There were 18 in attendance.

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.

Program Updates:

- The Carter's apparel is being disbursed both internally and externally to families in need.
- Amazon provided a descent assortment of goods that was distributed in February
- During February 2 new seniors enrolled

SENIOR NUTRITION

February: 4,958 Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ \$7,518.73 total senior contributions, average of \$1.52 per diner.

425 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced \$3,046.64)

HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

February: Head Start Breakfast: 7,128 Salvation Army Kids: 1,045 (Invoiced \$5,410.02)

Head Start Lunch: 7,368

Head Start Snack: 7,158

Food Service Program Updates February

- ❧ Food service continues to help sites with the new county policy in regards to seconds and take-outs. The county has updated the policy to allow take-out for medical exceptions.
- ❧ Seniors of Skaneateles reached out to PEACE to restart the congregate dining program in their area. Currently the group is awaiting a vote from a church to be used as the dining site.
- ❧ Pickard Drive Production building has two large ticket repairs. Roof unit on half of the building is no longer operational and turned off (administration side; drivers and kitchen side operational). The commercial hot water heater is not consistently heating. Eastwood has new commercial hot water tanks that maybe used for this project. Maintenance is collecting bids for both projects.

Program Opportunities

- ❧ Food Service is fully staffed.



Foster Grandparent Program Board Report February 2025 Recap



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

68 enrolled

- 1 FG dropped – health issues

In-Service Trainings – Optional Attendance In February :

- February 13 – Painting Our Hearts – 18 FGs attended
Easy painting project focusing on Random Acts of Kindness. Stressing the importance of art in early childhood education.
- February 20 – Game Day – 21 FGs attended
Teambuilding fun during winter break.

Upcoming Events:

- March In-Service – March 12 and 13 – 9 am – 12 noon
 - Understanding and Supporting English Language Learners.

AmeriCorps Grant Application

- Renewal application due 3/31/25 for new 3 year grant cycle – July 2025 – June 2028
- Originally due March 10 – given extension to comply with the President's Executive Orders.

Amendment of Current AmeriCorps Grant (7/1/24 – 6/30/25)

- In Response to the President's Executive Orders, AmeriCorps reviewed all current grant awards to ensure compliance with these directives and administration priorities. PEACE/FGP was found to be noncompliant within the scope of approved grant activities. To maintain our AmeriCorps award, we had to amend our most recent grant award and remove/update any language related to out of compliance activities. Grant narratives were updated to remove any DEI references. Grant amendment submitted on 2/19/25. 3/3/25 – we received correspondence that our updates were approved and we were in compliance with all current Executive Orders.

SENIOR SUPPORTS
Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP
Offices at County West FRC
Board Report –February 2025 Recap

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program

Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle

Client Activity:

- 41 clients
 - 6 new clients
 - 7 clients discharged
 - 29 clients served = 57 contacts
 - 122 units of service

Meetings & Events:

- 2/4/25 - Monthly Case Managers Meeting with County
- 3/20/25 – Monthly Dept. of Aging Meeting – Medicaid Updates

Updates:

- Onondaga County Dept. of Aging received additional funding from NYSOFA to be used on EISEP clients through March 31. Limited new enrollment of high needs clients.