

Senior Services

- Food Services/Senior Nutrition
- Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center
- Foster Grandparent Program

SENIOR NUTRITION

December: 4,650 Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ **\$7,643.22** total senior contributions, average of **\$1.64** per diner.

242 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced **\$1,963.60**)

HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

December: Head Start Breakfast: 7,008 Salvation Army Kids: **960** (Invoiced **\$5,599.39**)

Head Start Lunch: **7,224**

Head Start Snack: **7,008**

Early Head start (Breakfast/Lunch/Snack): **1,140/ 1,140/ 1,140**

Food Service Program Updates DECEMBER

☞ New Hire La'Kea Boyd has started her position as a Driver with the Food Service Department.

☞ Clover Corner dining site has been chosen for this year's federal audit. This is completed with the county and food service has provided all necessary documentation. The audit is scheduled for 01/12/26. (Last year Eastwood was chosen)

Program Opportunities

Food Service is fully staffed.



AmeriCorps
Seniors

Foster Grandparent Program Board Report December 2025 Recap



FGP Updates

Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment

- 55 enrolled
- 1 dropped – employment,
- 3 inactive – 2 to drop soon

FGP Activities

In-Service

- December 3 – 21 FGs
- December 4 – 21 FGs

FGP Role in Supporting Head Start's Social Emotional Learning Goals

By Guest Speakers from PEACE, Inc. Head Start ~ Holly Hastings, Beth Chaisson & Janet Timmons. Head Start's strategic plan and goals and how FG volunteers can support their efforts in educating little learners. Covered Head Start's: social-emotional focus, introduction to early literacy, creative curriculum, self-regulation, conscious discipline.

FGP Role in Supporting the Syracuse City School District's Belonging Goals

By Guest Speakers from SCSD Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Assistant Directors Jasmine Prince and Sophia Burden. The power of FGs – do students feel noticed, do students feel safe, do students feel affirmed, do students feel they can be themselves and do students feel supported when they make mistakes. Simple daily belonging practices: use student's name, acknowledge effort not results, offer choices to help students feel empowered, notice who is quiet not just who is loud, and affirm identity "you bring something special to the classroom."

Holiday Recognition

\$25 WalMart Gift Card –to all foster grandparent volunteers.

Placements:

- Head Start
Head Start classroom = 9 FGs Early Head Start classroom = 4 FGs
- SCSD
Pre K = 3 FGs K = 4 FGs
First Grade = 18 FGs Second Grade = 10 FGs Third Grade = 3 FGs

Upcoming Events

- January In-Service – 1/14 and 1/15



Eastwood Community Center Board Report January 2026

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 77 registered seniors at month-end December

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Approximately 25+ 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.
- ECC partnered with Community Engagement for the annual Giving A Holiday program. ECC volunteers picked up large scale donations from donors and delivered them directly to our sites.
- ECC's annual holiday party was held on 12/9/25. There were 45 seniors 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.