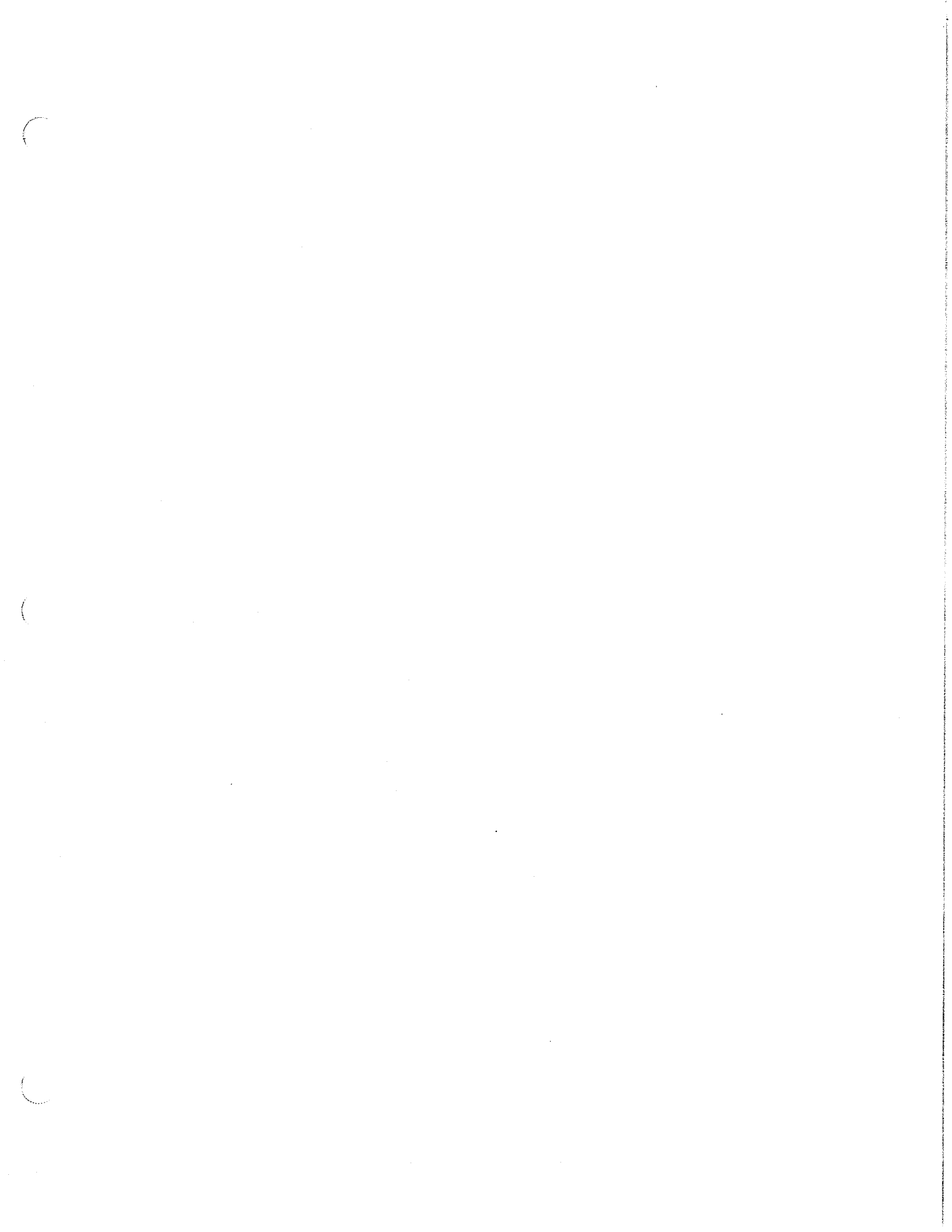


## **Senior Services**

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



### SENIOR NUTRITION

February: 5,722 Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ \$9,523.42 total senior contributions, average of \$1.66 per diner.

245 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced \$5,489.81)

### HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

February: Head Start Breakfast: 9,096 Salvation Army Kids: 1,080 (Invoiced \$1,802.29)

Head Start Lunch: 9,408

Head Start Snack: 9,262

Early Head start (Breakfast/Lunch/Snack): 1,524/ 1,524/ 1,428

### Food Service Program Updates February

- ☞ The CREST DASNY grant has allowed food service to replace an aging vehicle. A new Chevy Express Cargo van was ordered and will be delivered in March to replace C-8.
- ☞ Continued positive response from the senior sites in regards to new menu items and specialty menu days, i.e. Ash Wednesday, Lent, & Valentine's Day.
- ☞ The county department, Office for Aging, is undergoing some re-staffing. Two long term employees left this month. No replacements have been made know to us at this time.

### Program Opportunities

Food Service has one opening for a COOK position. Emmagene Henry, current cook, will be leaving at the end of March to pursue her own business venture. Interviews are being conducted.

## **Eastwood Community Center Board Report March 2026**

### **Eastwood Community Center enrollment:**

- 77 registered seniors at month-end February

### **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.
- Annually January is a slow month. There have been several snow days due to inclement weather that the site has been closed.
- The monthly breakfast club meet-up was held at Little Gem Diner on 2/26/26
- The newest activity is Spanish Class. Oscar Vergara is teaching conversational Spanish to the seniors on a weekly basis. There are 6 seniors in attendance.
- There were several donation pick-ups this month. Apparel was picked up from Nucor through Delivering good and distributed to the FRC's, Head Start, Schools and community groups.

### **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.



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Seniors**

# Foster Grandparent Program Board Report February 2026 Recap



## FGP Updates

### Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment

- 54 enrolled
- 2 dropped – health issues
- 4 enrolled – new volunteers

## FGP Activities

### In-Service

#### 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

- February 11– 23 FGs
- February 12 - - Cancelled due to weather

### Honoring Trailblazing Scientists – During Black History Month

Learned about cross-curricular science, important scientific discoveries, and hands-on science experiments. Making science fun for children at school! Discussed: Granville Woods, Sarah 'CJ' Walker, Mae Jemison, Benjamin Banneker, Jewel Plummer Cobb, and Charles Drew

Syracuse University Student's Senior Project of Distinction Kelly Matlock, senior writing and rhetoric major at SU's College of Arts and Science – doing research project on PEACE, Inc. Foster Grandparent Program and impact on the participating senior citizens. Personal interviews with foster grandparents – interview FGs for 10 – 15 minutes to collect data.

### New Volunteer Orientation

- 4 new volunteers completed 20 hours of classroom training –
- Placements: 2 to Head Start, 2 to SCSD elementary schools

### Upcoming Events

- March In-Service –3/11 & 3/12