

## **Senior Services**

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



## Food Services Board Report September 2020

### Food Services Meals Served: August

#### Head Start Meals:

- 0 Breakfast
- 0 Lunches
- 0 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 3,627

#### Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 0 Lunch
- 0 Snack

### Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution: \$5,985
- Average Meal Contribution: \$1.65

### Upcoming Events:

- Head Start resumes on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be modifying and adapting food services to accommodate the program adjustments for COVID.

### Program Opportunities:

- We are continuing to reach out to congregate sites in regards to re-opening as "meals to go" sites.

### Success Story:

- We successfully have re-opened or have approval for 17 "meals to go" sites.
- The CARES Act Home Delivery meal service is fully operational.

## **Foster Grandparent Program Board Report September 2020**

### **Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:**

- 103 enrolled
- 2 drops – 1 w/family health issues, 1 w/o criminal history clearance

### **FGP Highlights**

#### **Temporary Stipend Pay Allowance:**

The Corporation for National and Community Service extended its authorization to pay stipends to all active FGP volunteers from August 17 through September 30. FGs will receive their bi-weekly stipend based on their typical hours of weekly service. It is highly unlikely our federal funder will authorize continued temporary stipend pay allowance after September.

#### **Alternative Service Projects**

We have strict instructions to develop alternative service opportunities for volunteers in case schools do not re-open or go with hybrid schedules. FGP staff has been brainstorming and has many ideas for training and alternative service projects. Initially, FGP will concentrate on presenting training sessions, since all foster grandparents are mandated to complete 24 hours of in-service training annually.

#### **Head Start & Early Head Start**

Unfortunately the New York State Office of Child and Family Services will not allow foster grand-parent volunteers in Head Star/Early Head Starts sites this fall. FGP staff met with Head Start administrators to brainstorm ideas of how FGs can support the children remotely. One great idea is to videotape foster grandparents reading stories and creating a bank of videos that Head Start can access for the children.

#### **Syracuse City School District**

Due to the budget situation and limited interactions allowed in their classrooms, the Syracuse City School District did not sign a contract for FGP funding this year. We will need to amend our federal budget using CARES Act funding to cover the gaps created by the lack of SCSD funds. Since the federal required match was waived for the federal fiscal year 2020, we should be set with funding through June 2021. We fully intend to engage our current volunteers assigned to SCSD elementary school in supporting hybrid learning. We are brainstorming pen pal projects, video story time, video flash cards and other educational games. We purchasing 22 tablets to set up a computer lab at our office, so small groups of volunteers can alternate using the equipment to connect with students in SCSD as well as Head Start.

## Eastwood Community Center Board Report August 2020

### Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 102 active seniors at month-end June
- 0 new seniors enrolled in August

### Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- The Building is cleaned and ready to go for reopening when approval is given by the Governours office.
- ECC's Food Insecurity Project (DSRIP) – is concluded as of August 31. Thirteen seniors benefited from this program.
- ECC submitted its reopening plan to Onondaga County for “To-go” Meals We are awaiting a date for inspection and approval to serve the meals.
- Doing Good is partnering with PEACE, Inc. through the CARES Act to provide new clothing, shoes, toys, etc. for our families. A shipment of new women’s clothes and mixed POLO clothing was recently delivered. Items were processed and will be given out in September.

### Monitoring & Assistance provided to Eastwood Community Center’s seniors:

- 6 Seniors are enrolled In the FRC Food Box Program
- Over 270 phone calls are made weekly to seniors to check in on them and address any needs they have.

### Success Story:

Earle Lewis, one of our longstanding volunteers and senior program participants decided to sell his house and move to New Mexico to live with his son. Earle participated in many activities at he center and was instrumental in helping ECC for many years with the donation program. Especially during ARRA. This s is a very positive step for Earle in that he will be able to maintain his independence and be with family during this time. We are proud of Earle and all of his accomplishment and wished him well.

### Donation Program:

- Rite Aid & McLane donates product

## **SENIOR SERVICES: Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP Board Report September 2020**

### **EISEP – Jessica Brown, Case Manager**

#### **Client Activity:**

- 53 Active Clients
- 8 new clients
- 4 clients dropped
- 98.5 units of service

#### **Program Highlights:**

- Case manager providing telephone support to clients. All 2-month contacts and 6-month re-assessments are being conducted by telephone. New client intake conducted via telephone. Continuing to provide support and referrals as necessary.
- Assisting with the delivery of PEACE Senior Nutrition meals to senior citizens; as well as weekly food boxes from County West Family Resource Center.

### **Neighborhood Advisor Program – Rene Green, Advisor**

#### **Client Activity:**

- 10 units of service

#### **Program Highlights:**

- Making telephone calls to check on needs of vulnerable seniors. Providing support and referrals when necessary.
- Assisting with the delivery of PEACE Senior Nutrition meals to senior citizens; as well as weekly food boxes from County West Family Resource Center.
- Available for senior clients at County West Family Resources Center
- In contact with managers of senior housing apartments in Baldwinsville area – noting availability of NAP support and services for seniors in need.
- Developing a monthly newsletter/flyer to distribute to senior locations.