

## **Senior Services**

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



## Eastwood Community Center Board Report April 2021

### Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 84 active seniors at month-end April
- 0 new senior enrolled in January for the Meals to Go program

### Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- The Meals to Go program is serving 18-20 seniors daily.
- Eight (8) of these seniors are having meals delivered
- A monthly informational mailing to the seniors includes a newsletter, monthly menu, updates on COVID 19, along with community information
- For the Spring Fling, 46 seniors received a mug
- The Ralph Lauren donation exceeds \$3,500,000
- Over 19,000 articles of Ralph Lauren clothing donation has been processed
- There are 6 Seniors participating in social media posts through FB

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

- Over 270 phone calls are made weekly to seniors to check in on them and address any needs they have.

### Success Story:

The Eastwood Rotary Club and PEACE, Inc. Eastwood Community Center partnered to help deliver caring and compassion to our local front-line health care workers in nursing homes. The Rotary Club served as our ambassadors to Sunnyside Rehabilitation in Minoa by delivering brand new Ralph Lauren clothing to deserving workers. The workers were extremely appreciative and thanked us tremendously for thinking of and recognizing their hard work this past year during the pandemic.

## Foster Grandparent Program Board Report May 2021

### Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 98 enrolled
- 5 inactive not receiving temporary stipend pay
- 2 dropped – moved out of CNY

### FGP Highlights

- **FGP National Volunteer Week Drive-Thru Celebration**  
65 foster grandparents participated on 4/22/21. Seniors received a gift bag of goodies and a \$10. Gift card to WalMart. Food Services delivered to 6 seniors when their weekly home delivered meals were delivered. 15 foster grandparents picked up their goodies the week of 4/26. While social distancing and safety precautions were followed, it was great to see and talk in person to the foster grandparents and thank them for their patience and persistence over the past year.
- **FGP Pen Pal Project**  
FGP kicked off a pen pal project, piloted by 15 foster grandparents who will be corresponding with students at SCSD elementary schools. Letters will be delivered to classroom teachers, to deliver to participating students. FGP provided foster grandparents with a folder full of writing materials: stationary, envelopes, stamps, stickers, markers, colored pencils and crayons. Foster grandparents will keep letters from students so some type of measurements can be made – Improved writing/printing, correct spelling and format, etc.
- **Temporary Stipend Pay Allowance**  
FGP's temporary stipend pay allowance continues through September 30, 2021. Summer hours will need to be adjusted to reflect those volunteers that typically take the summer off and those that typically serve during summer school sessions.

### FGP Challenge

- **COVID Vaccination Update**
  - 90% of foster grandparents now vaccinated

### Upcoming Events

- In-Service On The Go (FGP Walking Club) – starting in May, FGP will be hosting “meet up” opportunities for foster grandparents at local parks. FGP staff will lead discussions on important topics, especially those relating to COVID and the effects on children and their families. The foster grandparents can also get their exercise by walking and talking with fellow seniors.

## Food Services Board Report May 2021

### Food Services Meals Served: April

#### Head Start Meals:

- 6,282 Breakfast
- 6,282 Lunches
- 6,282 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 5,307

#### Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 0 Lunch
- 0 Snack

### Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution:  
\$ 7,548
- Average Meal Contribution:  
\$1.42

### Upcoming Events:

#### Program Opportunities:

A number of sites have inquired about starting "Meals to Go" locations. We are working to gather information and data in order to determine the feasibility of opening these locations.

**Success Story:** The "Meals to Go" program has been such a success at Westcott Community Center, that they will be adding Mondays to the meal schedule in May and hope to add Fridays by July.

## SENIOR SERVICES: Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP Board Report May 2021

### EISEP – Jessica Brown, Case Manager

#### Client Activity:

- 57 Active Clients
- 2 new clients
- 4 clients dropped
- 114 units of service

#### Program Highlights:

- Continues to provide 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.
- Onondaga County is temporarily pausing the enrollment of new clients – for all services including respite, social day programs and aide service. This is in part due to: aide workforce shortages.

### Neighborhood Advisor Program – Rene Green, Advisor

#### Client Activity:

- 10 units of service
- Outreach – newsletter distributed to local senior housing facilities with seniors in need of assistance, including Jordan Elbridge seniors.

#### Program Highlights:

- Due to COVID pandemic, adult children and family members are searching for support services for their seniors.
- Writes and distributes monthly newsletter to area senior centers and housing that may have clients in need of assistance.
- Continues to assist clients with HEAP applications – more HEAP funds are being made available soon for struggling low-income seniors. Cooling HEAP open -provides air conditioners
- When necessary, assists with the delivery of food pantry boxes to seniors.