

## **Family & Community Development**

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report  
(October) 2016

County East Family Resource Center Date: **November 10, 2016**

# Total Volunteers	8
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	395
# Clients set up in Cap60	10
# Emergency Food donations	3
# New collaborations	0
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:**

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center assisted a single female customer procure suitable affordable housing in October.

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center purchased Apple Cider, and provided the village with doughnuts, cookies and candy for East Syracuse Parks and Receptions Annual Halloween Party.

County East Family Resource Center received two donations of non-perishable food from the First United Church of East Syracuse and Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

County East Family Resource Center received a donation of non-perishable food from an individual in East Syracuse.

All donations of food assist County East in our mission to address hunger in the community.

County East Family Resource Center held the Third Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon on Thursday October 27, 2016. Participants shared personal and family stories, tips on nutrition and exercise and how keeping a positive state of mind is such a powerful healing tool.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Christmas Basket Program: Thursday, December 22, 2016
- Volunteer Recognition Program: TBA
- Local Veterans Recognition: TBA
- Black History Program 2017

**Success Story**☺

County East Family Resource Center assisted a former Family Development customer to relocated back to the area. The individual obtain suitable and affordable housing, and wants to volunteer at the site to give back to the community

This report was respectfully submitted by  
Denise Vanderpool  
Coordinator



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

**Center** County South Family Resource Center    **Date** October 2016

# Total Volunteers	28
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	65
# Clients set up in Cap60	2
# Emergency Food donations	3
# New collaborations	0
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:** Fall programs in the new program year are up and running. Two parenting classes meet on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 PM. They have been learning about internet safety and communication. Childcare is provided upstairs in the youth area and dinner is served for the adults at the beginning of each class.

The afterschool youth program has gotten off to a great start and ended this month with 7 kids in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade group, and 6 in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade group. Both groups have grown since last year! On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the older group went to Tinker's Falls to hike the gorge. They had a great time and even participated in a fun scavenger hunt. On Halloween, the younger group was able to have a little party with pumpkin carving, activities, and of course candy! Tory Russo from the main office came to partake in the activities, and to take pictures of the group having fun. All in all it was a great first month!

There were several housing crisis' in October. One homeless family was finally settled. Another family had no heat and had to be put up at the Best Western. A third family was in danger and part of a domestic abuse situation. They were also housed at the Best Western until emergency shelter could be accessed.

**Upcoming Events:** Preparation has begun for the Christmas Basket Programs. Each community in the rural area does their own individual program serving low income families in need with supplies for a holiday meal, groceries and gifts. In Tully, there will be over 70 families and 50 senior baskets done.

**Success Story** County South has a new volunteer for the furniture program named Paul. When Paul came to the center this month, he said he wanted "to give back for all the help he had received from us." When we first met Paul a couple years ago, he was homeless. With the help of CSFRC and community donations, Paul was able to find a place to live. He was assisted with emergency food and clothing. He was helped with his new phone and given furniture and household goods. Eventually, Paul got a PT job. Now he is ready to give back and that makes him very happy.



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center \_\_\_\_\_ County West Family Resource Center    Date\_ October 2016\_\_

# Total Volunteers	13
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	368
# Clients set up in Cap60	1
# Emergency Food donations	175 individuals served /1,575 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> United Methodist Church/Fulton	1

**Center Highlights:** October was a busy month, we had a very successful fun Halloween open house. We all “dressed up” and the kids had the day off from school. One of our volunteer’s son raised funds to put together treat bags and bookbuddies for the kids. We had over 50 kids stop in. We also provided juice and snacks. The FoodBank presented a nutrition class and cooking demonstration on 10/12. Fidelis Reps and Healthy Families were here doing outreach helping clients with family and healthcare needs. Donations are coming in for Christmas and our volunteers have been very busy !

**Upcoming Events:** We will be starting the Christmas give-away sign-ups mid- November. We collect brand new and very gently used items throughout the year for clients and their families. We also will be giving Thanksgiving baskets and Gypsum Express in Baldwinsville will be collecting food donations from their employees. The FoodBank will be here on 11/16 for a nutrition class ,Fidelis and Healthy Families will continue to assist clients with their health care needs. We will be busy preparing for adopt a family program all of November. We are very blessed here in Baldwinsville with business and community members assisting to provide a nice Christmas to so many families who may otherwise go without.

**Success Story:** We were able to purchase tickets to the show Rent for a client and her daughter. Mom reports she is so grateful and she and her daughter will be attending the 11/16 show. Mom has several medical issues that require some sacrifice from her family and this will be a dream come true for her daughter(who LOVES LOVES musicals!!) We look forward to some pictures and a full report after the show. Mom and Dad couldn’t thank PEACE enough and asked we convey their gratitude to the agency. We will share more next month.





# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Eastside Family Resource Center/Project Connection\_ (ESFRC)

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Date: October 2016

# Total Volunteers	8
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	1042
# Clients set up in Cap60	15
# Emergency Food donations	\$1680.31
# New collaborations	

## Center Highlights:

In the month of October Eastside Family Resource Center held several events. We are continuing to build partnership and explore new ideas, to help support the community. Throughout the month the Eastside Family Resource Center was able to have a giveaway table. There were items such as shoes, purses, household items as well as food. This was a huge success for the community.

October 6, 2016- Home Headquarters and Peace Eastside held a financial class for high school students mentoring program.

October 20, 2016- Eastside Family Resource held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Expo in conjunction with National Grid. The event was very successful; we had over 27 agencies that participated and 160 people attended the event.

October 25, 2016- Peace Eastside staff took our Senior's out to the movies. This was a great event for our senior to have the opportunity to build positive relationship as well as being a part of the community.

October 28, 2016- Eastside Family Resource Center Coordinator met with Congressman Hakim Jeffries and other community members.

October 31, 2016- Eastside Family Resource Center held a Halloween event at the center for the community. We had over 120 people who participated in the event.

**Upcoming Events:**

Peace Eastside Family Resource Center will be passing out Turkey's to the community.

November 18, 2016- Flu season is approaching, and Eastside family resource center and Rite Aid will be hosting annual flu shot at the center.

The Senior Program will host there annual Thanksgiving brunch.

November 12, 2016- Defensive Driving Course will be offered at the Peace Eastside Family Resource Center.

**Daily Programs**

Food, giveaway daily.

Food Pantry every Monday from 9-12.

Fidelis every other Thursday in the building to help register people who need insurance

National Grid every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12.

Thank You

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: South side Family Resource Center

Date: 11/3/2016

Month of: October

# Total Number of Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	1
#Clients Served	342
#Clients set up in Cap60	100
#Emergency Food Donations	10
# New Collaborations	2

**Center Highlights:** The Southside Family Resource Center was visited by the Syracuse University Students Dimension Program. There were 25 students that come to the center as an effort to connect students with off-campus organizations. The students were a joy to have and as a result one of the students came back to the center and volunteer for 4 hours. There is an express interest of collaborating to start an after-school tutoring program for the youth.

The Center has been working with National Grid throughout the month and will continue to have an Energy Community Advocate in the building weekly. We have had 30 families who have been assisted with energy cost. This is definitely a well needed service in community.

**Community Participation:** The Southside Family Resource Center was visited by the Syracuse University Students Dimension Program. There were 25 students that come to the center as an effort to connect students with off-campus organizations. The students were a joy to have and as a result one of the students came back to the center and volunteer for 4 hours. There is an express interest of collaborating to start an after-school tutoring program for the youth.

Our center in collaboration with Team B.S.P.M hosted a Hunted Walk through for Halloween. We will be providing a safe trick and treat stop, handing out candy to the community as well as informing parents about what services our center offer.

### **Upcoming Events:**

1. In the month of November Southside FRC will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for our NAC members, volunteers and seniors. This event is the center's way of showing appreciation for all the support and dedication each have shown.
2. There will also be a Spa evening held at the center to promote healthy living for staff and volunteers.
3. The center will be hosting an evening workshop in collaboration with. Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc. The goal is to introduce community 6<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade girls to college.

**Success Story:** Our recently hired Family Advocate have been diligently working with client's. One specific client who had just been release from prison she helped to find gainful employment. This client had only been released from prison for 2 weeks and never had a job in his life, so finding employment was a challenge. Through community collaborations and networking all work was made possible.



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date October '2016

# Total Volunteers	8
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	42
# Clients set up in Cap60	6
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Junior League Gifford Foundation Near Westside Initiative Lerner Center	

### Center Highlights:

The Salvation Army in partnership with WIC held their monthly Breastfeeding classes and trainings at the center and will be continuing to use the center for scheduled monthly meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

The Near Westside "Take Back the Streets" agencies held their monthly meeting and committee meetings at the center. The group "Women with Purpose" also met at the center to discuss programming to address young girls and we will partner with them on a monthly basis.

Coordinator was asked to speak to a room of over one hundred at Crouse Hospital for their Diversity Day on how she work with such a very diverse population in poverty and LBGTQ in the most poorest areas in the community, it went very well.

The PEACE, Inc. Westside Family Resource Center held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon on Friday, October 21, 2016, from eleven thirty to two-thirty at the center. This year we did a twist on Our Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon, we incorporated Domestic Violence. We had twenty-five women in attendance who heard from women that shared very helpful information and stories to help them in their journey while feasting on a hearty meal of baked chicken, baked ziti, tossed salad, bread, dessert and lemonade while listening to guest speaker for *Domestic Violence* Ms. Boyd who shared her story on the Domestic Violence and abuse she suffered at the hands of an abusive husband, even though it has been nine years she is still working to overcome her fears taking it one day at a time and let the women know it takes eleven years to recover.

Mrs. Jackson who received a double mastectomy and is a two time breast cancer survivor and spokesperson for "Shades of Inspiration" a support group for women with not just breast cancer but cancers in general, who shared her very moving story with the women about her breast cancer and how it was discovered by her husband and encouraged them to have their yearly exams if there is a history of it in your family and not wait until your forty as they say.

Ms. Patterson an *Outreach Worker for Onondaga County Department of Health*, spoke about the services the County offer with the group and where and how to have exams if no insurance. No Excuse Rule Applies. Each guest left with bags filled with lots of valuable information and trinkets pertaining to Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence. These are some very special and brave women who shared with the group.

Raffles for various items were done throughout the luncheon and ended with the hot seat drawing with winner receiving a \$50.00 gift card to Red Lobster.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, we collaborated with the Near Westside Initiative, Westside Academy, Lerner Center, Huntington Family Center, Missio Church, Catholic Charities Vincent House, Spanish Action League, Peace Making Center, WCNY Studios, Westside Residents Coalition, Boys & Girls Club, and Saint Lucy's Church, to provide a safe Westside Community Costume Party for youth living and attending the neighborhood schools in the neighborhood. The event was held in the gymnasium of Westside Academy at Blodgett it went very, very well providing a safe evening of games, movies, food, raffles, prizes, and good clean fun to well over 500 children.

The center held its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Carnival at the center for youth in the program, clients and their families on October 29<sup>th</sup>, from five to nine. The center was filled for three days with parents and lots of volunteers helping. Everyone met to discuss safety procedures and procedures to help get walkers home. They turned the upstairs into a haunted house with scary sounds, flying ghost and goblins, silly string flying, with strobe lighting. Baking, making popcorn balls, caramel and candy apples and preparing crafts, dips, food and bags for families. We had a baker making and decorating phenomenal cupcakes. Forty-two of our center families and clients attended the event; the adults had fun letting the youth wrap them as mummies. They had as much fun as the youth setting up stations for contests, eating donuts off a string, decorating cupcakes, popping popcorn, pin eyes on the ghost, playing games, eating, dancing, costume contest, best decorated pumpkin, decorating and filling bags, arts and crafts, games and activities patrol, making dips, making hot dog mummies and fingers, taking pictures and many stayed to help clean up the center and put everything back in place.

Coordinator will be away prior to the Annual Dinner and NAC President will be coordinating in her absence to be ready to hit the ground when she return. The president will be meeting with residents, neighborhood agencies and businessmen to organize the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner in partnership with the Near Westside Initiative. We are very proud of this event. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> year for this event that feeds over 500 families in the community.

**Upcoming Events:**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**Success Story:**

Near Westside Community Costume Carnival went very well served over  
We had thirty of our center families participate in our Annual Halloween Carnival.  
One parent got a job at ARC of Onondaga.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Alice Smothers, Coordinator