

## **Family & Community Development**

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report  
(March) 2017

County East Family Resource Center Date: **April 4, 2017**

# Total Volunteers	11
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	429
# Clients set up in Cap60	4
# Emergency Food donations	3
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	1

**Center Highlights:**

County East Family Resource Center received a donation on nonperishable food from the First United Church of East Syracuse to assist us with our mission to address hunger in East Syracuse and surrounding communities.

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center received a donation of nonperishable food from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to assist us with our mission to address hunger in the community.

Eastwood Litho printed five hundred (500) tickets free of charge for the Annual Mother's Day Raffle. The tickets are currently being sold by Neighborhood Advisory Counsel and volunteers. The drawing will be held on May 11, 2017.

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center referred two families, to the Snap Coordinator for enrollment into the program to address their ongoing need for food.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Volunteer Recognition Program: April 27, 2017

Local Veterans Recognition: TBA

Mother's Day Raffle: May 2017

Summer Programs: July-August 2017

CNY Works Summer Program: July- August 2017

### **Success Story**☺

County East Family Resource Center, referred a young women who was experiencing problems with her dentures and finding a dental office that would accept her insurance. The individual was unable to eat and experiencing excruciating pain.

Upon the referral she was able to make the necessary appointments to address the problem and on April 5, 2017 she will receive her new dentures, restoring her mouth, making it possible for her to eat and enjoy her food without pain and the sore mouth that she thought she had to live with.

She literally took me on the journey with her, by showing me the entire process and each step that was taken to restore her mouth and smile. She often told me she doesn't smile, cause her teeth where

so messed up.

Each time she comes to the office, she can't stop thanking us enough for something she thought would never happen.

This report was respectfully submitted by  
Denise Vanderpool  
Coordinator

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center    Date March 2017

# Total Volunteers	14
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	52
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations	0
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

### Center Highlights:

March was a quiet month at CSFRC compared to other months. The Coordinator took 3 weeks off to help with new twin grandsons. Many thanks to Advocate Eva Heaney, Office Manager Sherry Moore and Intern, Chris Bumpus for keeping things running smoothly!

There were several housing needs met for families during March. Three families have secured better housing options that became available in the area. Child protective was involved with two of the families we serve in March. The level of crisis and or dysfunction continues with many that receive services in spite of the support and assistance received by PEACE, Inc.

Intern Chris Bumpus assisted with the afterschool group as part of his internship. He taught them about nutrition and healthy choices using a power point presentation and helped out the Family advocate when the kids were at CSFRC. Chris is pursuing his Bachelor Degree in Nursing and will finish his hours in March.

### Upcoming Events:

CSFRC will sponsor a clothing drive at the Tully Masonic Lodge on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 5 PM. Good used clothing will be collected Monday through Thursday of that week.

Summer camperships, programming and scholarships are being planned and organized.

### Success Story

In March, 3 families moved into affordable, safe housing from referrals made by PEACE, Inc. A new 3 Bedroom housing option has become available so 2 of the 3 families took advantage of that @\$750 per month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> family found an apartment in the village and is living independently for the first time together in many years. They are working with the Family Advocate in Family Development and doing well. Security deposit assistance was provided for 1 of the 3 families.



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center \_\_\_\_\_ County West Family Resource Center Date\_\_ March 2017

# Total Volunteers	24
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	707
# Clients set up in Cap60	2
# Emergency Food donations	158/individuals served/1422 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:** NorthSide Baptist Church's Upward Bound basketball program held a food drive March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. One of our volunteers and NAC member Diane Natale and I were at the church to represent PEACE and meet the staff and youth on Saturday March 4. We had a great time meeting the kids and parents and watching some of the basketball games. The kids were able to donate over 800 items for the Emergency Food Pantry. Upward Bound informed us this will be an annual event for the program. Thank you NorthSide!!

**Upcoming Events:** Fidelis and United HealthCare will return in April to assist clients with insurance needs. The FoodBank will present a Cooking Demo/Nutrition class on Tuesday April 25 at Noon. Clients are able to try a new recipe, learn how to eat healthier and share recipes with each other. Also, clients can share ideas about how they save money on healthy foods. They also receive a free gift for the kitchen. The Easter Basket Give-Away will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our CSBG funds, we received donations from Boy Scout Troop #71 in Baldwinsville and the First Presbyterian Church. One of our volunteers, Barbara has done a wonderful job putting the baskets together. Clients will also be able to get one dozen eggs and coloring kits. Ralph Lyke will be at the Center preparing tax returns on April 3 and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Success Story:** Brandi Gibson from "Healthy Families" has been out since January following the birth of her son Jacoby. Jacoby was born a couple months early but has been thriving since and now weighs just over 9 pounds. Brandi is returning to the Center in early April to continue assisting our families with comprehensive family services. We look forward to having Brandi back.





# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

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Date: March 2017

# Total Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	1122
# Clients set up in Cap60	30
# Emergency Food donations	\$1207.02
# New collaborations Department of Labor Syracuse City School United Health Care	

## Center Highlights:

Eastside Family resource Center celebrated Healthy lifestyle in the month of March. We kicked off the Month with a National Grid Expo event which consisted of a few vendors that set up tables in the center; Snap representative, fidelis insurance and Onondaga county health department. The month of March also consisted of a Diabetes presentation with Upstate Hospital. The information was given to the community to inform them on signs of diabetes, triggers as well as preventions. Asthma awareness day was a huge success that was held at the ESFRC with over 50 people in attendance. We had a presenter who spoke about ASTHMA how to prevent asthma attacks, triggers, weather signs and household triggers (mold). We also provided lunch for the program.

## **Helping People Get Ready for Work Success**

East Side Family Resource Center staffs worked on helping individuals prepare their resumes for job searches throughout the month.

## **Community Events**

Peace Eastside staff opened the building up for community events such as baby shower, birthday party and group meetings.

On March 3 2017 we hosted event for the Hope Initiative (ESPRI).

On March 31- A women's group did a Zumba class for the American Heart Association, to help support healthy living.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **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

United Health Care on Tuesday from 10-12 to register people for insurance

National Grid every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12.

Department of Labor every Thursday from 10-12

Healthy Neighborhood every other Thursday (passes out cleaning supplies, mop buckets and smoke detectors).

#### **Special Events**

April 6, 2017 -Hosting a Private event for Hope (ESPRI)

April 10, 2017- Work for Success clothing give away before job fair

April 11, 2017 -Job Fair at the Peace Eastside Family Resource Center Free to the Public

May 6, 2017 – Defensive Driving Course

June 2, 2017 – Mobile Pantry

Thank You

Eastside Family Resource Staff

Rasheada Caldwell- Coordinator

Lita Germany- Advocate

Gavonna Hines- Support Specialist

Candus Carmon- Support Specialist

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: South Side Family Resource Center

Date: 4/11/2017

Month of: March

# Total Number of Volunteers	11
# New Volunteers	0
#Clients Served	1142
#Clients set up in Cap60	392
# Food Giveaway	288
# Emergency Food Pantry	541
# New Collaborations	2

### Center Highlights:

As part of the SSFRC efforts of collaborations and develop partnerships two exciting things happened:

1. State University of New York, Environmental, Science and Forestry have agreed to work with SSFRC in developing potential designs for the vacant lot that is behind the SSFRC. This will be the beginning phase where 9 students will develop designs based upon the information that they received from a community focus group. The scope of the project is to develop an environmental friendly park for community intergenerational use.
2. The SSFRC food pantry in partnership with the CNY Food Bank has been a success. Our community food needs has been welcoming. As part of its success operational funds have been given to SSFRC along with two convertible upright refrigerator/freezer purchased.

### Community Participation:

The SSFRC's NAC held a day retreat where members and coordinator discussed and developed plans for the summer. NAC's newest member has scheduled a financial literacy class for community members that includes Associates for Training and Development

(seniors) and Onondaga Earth Corp (young adults). Staff members have attended South Side TNT meetings. Wegmans and SSFRC is working together to present an event that will promote healthy eating.

**Upcoming Events:**

On Earth Day, Syracuse Inner City Rotary and SSFRC will host a neighborhood cleanup. Included on that day, approximately 30 ESF students will be available to assist with the cleanup. Five raise beds will be installed and youth from the Young Eco Cuse Explores (YECE) will be planting vegetable from their pizza garden theme. Mini makers fair will also be presented.

**Success Story:**

The success of story of the month for SSFRC is a family who have reached out and wanted housing assistance. This is a young married couple whom the husband was formally incarceration. They had had learnt about the Family Reunification Program which is a partnership with Syracuse Housing Authority, a pilot program implemented by Governor Andrew Cuomo. They were advised about the program after a story was aired 9WSYR News. After visiting the home of the young couple they were accepted into the program. It was amazing seeing two young married folks realize that they no longer had to live in the shadows because there was help for them.

# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date March '2017

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	43
# Clients set up in Cap60	105
# Emergency Food donations	(N/A)
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Junior League Gifford Foundation Near Westside Initiative Lerner Center	

## Center Highlights:

The center continues to operate Monday through Thursday with walk-ins and Friday by appointments. Advocate maintaining Cap60 data base inputting new clients in weekly and attended ROMA training overview.

Coordinator and Advocate attended Building Community Training with Department of Children and Family Services Syracuse/ Onondaga County Youth Bureau. This training helped to forge the strength of agencies who come together to make our community stronger for the betterment of youth. Advocate continue to monitor clothing closet, in kind and Cap60 data.

We are continuing to work on summer programming while coordinator is meeting with various stakeholders to assist and presenting to groups about what we do. Plans are on the way for youth trip to visit our Nation's Capital. Started work on garden plans in collaboration with Park Conservancy.

Coordinator was honored by the Syracuse City School District at LeMoyne College for work done with our partner Westside Academy at Blodgett youth and one of ten women who were honored with *Women Who Make America Award* by WCNY at the March 10, 2017 award ceremony held at the Women's Right Historical Park in Seneca Falls sponsored by Lockheed Martin Employees Federated Fund.

The coordinator is collaborating with Lerner Center, Missio Church, Westside Agencies and Near Westside Initiative on summer activities for youth living in the Near Westside.

We continue to work with Westside Academy at Blodgett staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Smothers

