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Family Resource Center Monthly Report
(April) 2017

County East Family Resource Center Date: May 10, 2017

# Total Volunteers	13
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	412
# Clients set up in Cap60	5
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> None in April	0

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.

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County East Family Resource Center assisted an individual to procure part-time employment at Top's Xpress with benefits in April. County East's community computers were utilized to search for employment, as well as a reference to the potential employer.

County East Family Resource Center in collaboration with the Konosioni Lodge 950 of Fayetteville held the Annual Easter Basket Program with breakfast and distribution of Easter Baskets loaded with all the fixings for Easter Dinner. Easter Bunnies were given to the families with children. The Konosioni Lodge donated ten (10) Easter Baskets to low income families in the East Syracuse community.

Ten families who voiced a concern regarding the upcoming holiday, for their family where able to provide a wonderful Easter dinner for their families that may not have had a meal without the collaboration with the Lodge. Kudos to the Konosioni Lodge.

Upcoming Events:

Volunteer Recognition Program: April 27, 2017

Local Veterans Recognition: TBA

Mother's Day Raffle: May 12, 2017

Summer Programs: July-August 2017

CNY Works Summer Program: July- August 2017

Success Story😊

County East Family Resource Center relies totally on the community volunteers who assist with the daily operation of the site. Each of the thirteen individuals brings a special gift to the center. They assist with all functions and are trained to assist where ever they can be utilized. They help in the pantry, with custodial duties, reception area and answer the phones.

The volunteers of County East assist with keeping the site clean, snow removal and truly rise too any occasion, which is what we quote at PEACE, Inc. As "All Other Duties as Assigned". My hat goes off to them. Without them I would not be able to do the job that I do.....

County East Family Resource Center hosted a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Ling Lings Chinese Buffet in North Syracuse. The lunch was in celebration of Volunteer Recognition Month the volunteers where, treated to buffet, and each was awarded with a certificate and kudos thanking them for their dedicated and tireless commitment to the center.

This report was respectfully submitted by
Denise Vanderpool
Coordinator

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center Date April 2017

# Total Volunteers	26
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	65
# Clients set up in Cap60	1
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

Center Highlights: Customer activity has picked up this month with lots of case management. There was lots of furniture that came in and went out of the storage area in April. The most popular items are always dressers, table and beds. Senior appliances such as wheelchairs and walkers are also stored there and are available to the public. The storage area was cleaned out and organized. One parenting class is learning about domestic violence. Two new families signed up for Family Development.

Upcoming Events: The clothing drive will be held all day on Friday, May 12th with donations being accepted all week. Camperships are being organized and planned as well as summer events for the youth and parents. The NAC will sponsor 7 graduating seniors with the Ida Gleason Memorial Scholarship. Each senior is from a high school in the target area of CSFRC.

Success Story A local business person stopped by CSFRC in April and asked for referrals for janitorial cleaning jobs at the local Aldi's warehouse; FT starting at \$10.50 per hour. Joe Morgan from Brophy's cleaning service hired the first person we referred FT and she loves it! This customer does not have her HS diploma or a High School Equivalency so she is thrilled about her new job. She also can walk to work. There is room for advancement and future benefits. It is nice to have the employers reaching out within the community!

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center _____ County West Family Resource Center Date __April 2017

# Total Volunteers	25
# New Volunteers	5
# Clients served	663
# Clients set up in Cap60	1
# Emergency Food donations	108/individuals served/972 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

Center Highlights: The Easter Basket give-away was a huge success! We were able to give 78 baskets out thanks to our CSBG funds and very generous donations from community members, boy scout troops and the Presbyterian Church here in Baldwinsville. Three students from McNamara Elementary here in Baldwinsville collected food for the pantry as their 5th grade project. Ava Hettler, Reagan MacKnik and Julia Muller collected 203 non-perishable items! The FoodBank presented a nutrition workshop on 4/18 and Fidelis and United healthcare were here each week to assist clients with their insurance needs. Healthy Families Brandi Gibson was here to help with family needs (pregnancy, parenting, benefits and education).

Upcoming Events: Fidelis and United HealthCare will return in May to assist clients with insurance needs. The FoodBank will present a Cooking Demo/Nutrition class on Thursday May 18 at Noon. Clients are able to try a new recipe, learn how to eat healthier and share recipes with each other. The donation area was very busy this month as spring clean outs and sales around the area begin. Many thanks to the volunteers who work so hard to organize, sort and look up in-kind values and totals for the month. They also go out of their way to assist clients and children to find what they need.

Success Story: One of our clients who has been unemployed and on Social Security for 11 years has recently started a new job here in Baldwinsville. We all are proud of her for her courage to work again and hope for some nice changes in her life.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Eastside Family Resource Center/Project Connection_ (ESFRC)

Date: April 2017

# Total Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	1220
# Clients set up in Cap60	65
# Emergency Food donations	\$912.44
# New collaborations Department of Labor Syracuse City School United Health Care	

Center Highlights:

On April 6, 2017 we hosted event for the HOPE Initiative (ESPRI). The event was very successful we had over 100 people in attendance from the community.

Ready for Success

Eastside Family resource Center has been a part of many events during the month of April as well as helping certain individuals reach their goals in the Community. During the month of April ESFRC events consisted of a professional clothing drive for individuals looking for a professional suits whether it was for an event of their own or the job fair that took place. On the next business day (April 11th) the East Side Family Resource Center held a Job fair. The event was open and advertised for Syracuse and surrounding areas. In participation of the job fair we had over 30 agencies as well as PEACE INC. The Job fair had an estimate of over 180 individuals seeking employment within the city of Syracuse. ESFRC staff completed demographics from each individual that attended. On April 19 the ESFRC hosted a Youth empowerment day, this was a great opportunity for are youth to get involve at the center as well as hearing positive speakers such as Helen Hudson who is are Common Councilor, at large.

Project Connection

Eastside Family Resource Center continues to build collaborative relationships with the community by participating in local events. The Samaritan Center held and Expo with National, during the expo ESFRC set up a table to recruit for Project Connection afterschool program.

Community Events

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

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

June 2, 2017 – Mobile Pantry

New

Starting June 13, 2017 we will have a toiletries pantry every second Tuesday of the month from 9-12.

Thank You

Eastside Family Resource Staff:

Rasheada Caldwell- Coordinator

Lita Germany- Advocate

Gavonna Hines- Support Specialist

Candus Carmon- Support Specialist

Westcoe Williams- Foster Grandparent

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Emma L. Johnston SFRC

Date: 5/15/2017

Month of: April

# Total Number of Volunteers	10
# New Volunteers	1
#Clients Served	751
#Clients set up in Cap60	574
#Food Giveaway	360
#Pantry	285
# New Collaborations	Molina, POWER 620

Center Highlights:

The Earth Day Event was a wonderful turn out. The SSFRC had 26 students from ESF, 12 Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club, 15 Young Eco Cuse Explores and 20 community volunteers joined together to make such a wonderful event. The CNY Food Bank and Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club donated funds for supplies. Young Eco Cuse Explores donated a wheel barrel, shoves, and steel rake. In partnership with Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club a neighborhood cleanup was a part of this event.

The students ESF helped with neighborhood clean-up helped with gardening held a mini science fair for community youth. Refreshments and food was served as well. The SSFRC was featured on WYSR 9 as well as mentioned in the Southside Stand for all our community engagement on Earth Day.

Community Participation:

1. Two Financial Literacy classes were held and presented by Key Bank. One of the groups of participants was from the Associates for Training and Development and the other group was Onondaga Earth Corps young adults.
2. Women 2 Women group which is (9) women meet to discuss women issues.
3. Vera House hosted a presentation to the young adults gender and abuse.
4. OnPoint held a Career Exploration and Development Prep workshop.

Upcoming Events:

In collaboration Wegmans will be conducting a cooking demonstration by a chef from Wegmans on May 31st. This event will start the summer's efforts promoting Healthy Living and Clean Eating at SSFRC. This event will make available blood pressure testing for community members and all that attend. POWER 620 will be on site promoting child obesity awareness as MOLINA and United Healthcare will be present as well.

Success Story:

The success of story of SSFRC is with a 18 year-old youth who worked at the center through CNY Works. He have obtained a permanent full time position at Byrne Dairy and continues to works at the center. Recently he excitedly came into the center with news he now have a bank account and just purchased his first car. His success is an example of empowering individuals to becoming self-sufficient.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date April '2017

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	32
# 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. Coordinator met with Pastor Bailey on some program ideas and how we can collaborate together. Westside participated in Career Day at Public Leadership Academy at Fowler. Junior League ran a craft day at the center from ten to twelve

Work continues on summer programming meeting with various stakeholders, we will be participating with WCNY and Literacy Coalition on an Odd Squad Camp during the summer. Collaboration in the works with Missio Church for the summer camps at Skiddy.

Coordinator was invited by Junior League to participate with other social service agencies to share and present to community groups about what we do and how they can assist us in an event at Philanthropy Center. Thanks to Sharon Thompson for the brochures and attended Free & Practical Workshop sponsored by the Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau/Department of Children & Family Services. Title: Street Addiction: The Effects of Trauma, Grief and Loss in Urban Youth by Noble Bey and Arnett Haygood-el of Street Addiction Institute, Inc. and Project HOPE Committee meetings.

Advocate continues to monitor clothing closet, in kind and Cap60 data. We received funding from Community Foundation to assist youth with our work with the Clinton Foundation on STEAM and we will be meeting with them in the coming months.

The Lerner Center has provided shirts and water bottles for our summer program against violence.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Smothers

