

## **Senior Services**

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06/2017

Eastwood Community Center  
Board Report May 2017

Center Happenings

The Center continues to grow with new seniors from the Greater-Eastwood area.

Various CLP meetings were held throughout the month

Senior Programming & Activities

The seniors are playing their regular games and activities – Bunco, Pinochle, Pitch, Bingo, and other card games

Chair yoga and Tai Chi Chih is continuing Friday mornings

Monthly the seniors participate in Tech Connect at the Paine Library in Eastwood where this they learn how to use computers, smart phones, and tablets.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> several seniors attended the annual Onondaga County Office of Long Term Care's volunteer recognition luncheon at Drumlins.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Legal Aid of CNY provided a Lunch N Learn on available free legal services to 15 seniors.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 21 seniors attended a Syracuse Chiefs Baseball game.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> over 60 seniors attended the annual Senior of the Year Awards. This year's honoree is Shirley Merritt.

Students from Henninger High School attend the center from 11:00 -12:30 Wednesday and Friday for social interaction and activities/lunch with the seniors. There are 3-4 students plus a teacher.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> 18 seniors watched the movie Water for Elephants.

The book club is growing! There are over 10 seniors participating in this fun filled weekly event.

Some of the seniors attended the Doll House Museum operated by one of their own and also lunched at Al's Diner in East Syracuse.

Donation Program

Donors include: Rite Aid, Toys R Us and KIDS. Donated product is distributed to FRC's, HS, BBBS & other community organizations.



Joseph E. O'Hara, Executive Director

## **EISEP and NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISOR**

### **MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORT**

**JUNE 2017**

Prepared by: Mary Beth Welch

#### **Neighborhood Advisor (Jessica Ponti / Baldwinsville Area):**

- **May 9<sup>th</sup> Jessica attended the Elder Law Fair at Onondaga Community College**
- **May 24<sup>th</sup> Jessica attended the Dementia Care Alzheimer's Association CNY Chapter**
- **In May NA had 20 units of in person contact and 50 units of telephone contact.**

#### **EISEP Case Management (Rene Green / Baldwinsville Area)**

- **May 4<sup>th</sup> Rene participated in Peer Place (the Office of Aging database) training**
- **May 9<sup>th</sup> Rene attended the Elder Law Fair at Onondaga Community College**
- **Two clients were discharged from EISEP care**
  - **One client opted to use long term care insurance**
  - **One client is now receiving VA services**
- **EISEP acquired one new client**
- **Rene completed 12 home visits**
- **EISEP ended the month with a case load of 47**



***Foster Grandparent Program of PEACE, Inc.  
401 South Midler Ave Syracuse, NY 13206***

**FGP June Report to PEACE, Inc. Board of Directors**

**131 foster grandparent volunteers enrolled @ end of May**

- 4 volunteers dropped – 2 employment, 1 moved out of state, 1 terminated – poor performance.
- 2 volunteers to retire at end of school year - (14 years & 19 years of tenure with FGP)
- 3 inactive – awaiting Criminal History Clearance from SCSD/NYS Ed Dept.

**No – May In-Service**

**May 18 - FGP Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon @ Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel**

185 attendees – honored all foster grandparents for 128,929 hours of service logged over the past 12 months. Special recognition given to those volunteers celebrating special anniversaries: 2 volunteers @ 15 years, 6 volunteers @ 10 years, and 10 volunteers @ 5 years. Also celebrated FGP's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as Senior Corps Week. WE received special proclamations from Mayor Miner and County Executive Mahoney recognizing the impact our senior citizens have on the children of our community.

**Summer Assignments**

Currently developing a list of temporary summer assignments for those interested in serving over the summer and whose regular assignment/site are not available due to summer breaks. We are working with Early Head Start and the Syracuse City School District to develop summer assignment opportunities. Approximately 35 interested volunteers on list. Encouraging newer volunteers (those that started in mid to late winter) to accept summer assignment for the classroom experience.

**Recruitment & Orientation Plan**

Currently have a wait list of 30+ senior interested in joining FGP.  
Don't foresee enrolling new volunteers, if at all possible, until Fall of 2017

**Syracuse City School District – Grant Funding**

Awaiting notification on funding total for 7/1/17 – 6/30/18

**Corporation for National & Community Service ~**

Received Notice of Grant Award on 5/24/17 for 7/1/17 – 6/30/18

Funding level = \$ 393,126

\*\* see update on next page\*\*

From the National Senior Corps Association – 5/23/17:

## White House Budget Update

President Trump submitted his Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to Congress today, setting in motion action on the 2018 Congressional budget process.

**The President's Budget is not good news for national service: it zeroes out funding for Senior Corps and AmeriCorps and provides minimal funding for the orderly shutdown of operations by the Corporation for National and Community Service.**

This is only a proposal and it echoes President Trump's March budget proposal that suggested the same direction. However, Congress responded to President Trump's earlier proposal by passing the 2017 Omnibus Appropriations that maintained funding for Senior Corps and AmeriCorps but did eliminate funding for the Social Innovation Fund.

National service funding does not stand alone in the Trump Budget proposal; it includes hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts to domestic discretionary funding. Other programs proposed to be eliminated are Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Community Service Block Grants (CSBG), the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and more.

Few domestic programs were spared the budget axe however Head Start is proposed for a \$17 million increase (in a \$9 billion budget) and the Child Care and Development Block Grant is slated for a \$5 million increase (in a \$2.7 billion budget). The Trump Budget also proposes relatively flat funding for aging programs within ACL (HHS).

Where do we go from here? Earlier today, acting Senior Corps Director Erin McGrath confirmed that grantees with start dates in calendar year 2017 either *have been* (January 1 or April 1) or will be (July 1 or September 1) funded for their entire 12 month budget from their start date. ***However, it is critical that we make our case to our elected officials and focus on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees who will have the real decision-making power (as always) between now and the start of the fiscal year on October 1, 2017.***

We will continue to communicate with you regularly and please let any of your NSCA Board Representatives know if we can be of assistance or if you have any big wins with your elected officials.

FGP Advisory Council will be spearheading the effort to educate and advocate for the Foster Grandparent Program and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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## **Food Services Report**

**June 2017**

to

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Board of Director's

(Prepared by Randy La Manche)

### **Meals Served in May**

The Food Service Division served **7,751** eligible Senior Nutrition lunches in May.

The Food Service Division produced and delivered the following Head Start meals:

**10,704** Breakfasts

**13,368** Lunches

**9,072** Snacks

### **Additional Special Function Meals Delivered**

**199** Breakfasts

**420** Lunches

**49** Snacks

### **Senior Nutrition Contributions May**

The total contributions for the month were \$12,834

This is an average meal contribution of \$1.66 per senior meal.

### **Staffing:**

- We still have an opening for a Site Manager at Limestone Gardens
- There is an opening for a Kitchen Worker / Driver

**Operational News:**

- The Senior Nutrition Site at the Regional Market kicks off on July 20<sup>th</sup> and will run for four consecutive weeks. On August 10<sup>th</sup> the Stan Collela Junior All Star Band will be performing.
- Head Start production is winding down for the summer. Three staff members will be on summer lay off.