

## **Family & Community Development**

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**Family Resource Center Monthly Report**  
(November 2017)  
County East Family Resource Center Date: 12/1/17

# Total Volunteers	3
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	65
# Clients set up in Cap60 <small>Currently experiencing problems with CAP 60, working to address issues.</small>	
Thanksgiving Baskets	13
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> <b>Community Care Hub</b>	1

**Center Highlights:**

**PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center held an Open House at the Guest House on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017. The Open House was attended by forty five individual who attended and where served light refreshments.**

**Tracey Clark, SNAP Coordinator and Mary Beth Basha, from National Grid attended to assist and direct to the services that each provide. John of WAER Radio attended and interviewed the Coordinator regarding new programs and services offered at the site.**

**East Syracuse Mayor, Bob Tackman, attended and delivered a proclamation declaring , November 8, 2017 PEACE Inc, Recognition Day.**

**Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church of East Syracuse provided five Thanksgiving Basket to assist families in the community enjoy a holiday feast with all the trimmings.**

**County East Family Resource Center received a donation of six coats from a local family to assist with the effort to keep East Syracuse Warm Program and provide warm coats to children in the village.**

**Upcoming Events:**

Community Collaborations- Community Care Hub (OCC) 12/7/17

Community Collaborations- LINKS of East Syracuse 12/

Mary Beth Basha -12/5/17

Holiday Gathering – 12/14/17

Flapjack Fundraiser Kawanis- 12/17/17 tickets still available (see Denise)

Christmas Collaboration Drop-off 12/18/17

PEACE, Inc. Holiday Program Distribution 12/19/17

Pick up Holiday Items Gianelli Sausage 12/19/17

### **Success Story**☺

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center assisted a Family Development customer to enroll at Bryant & Stratton College to further her education. Despite the diagnosis of mental retardation as a child, the consumer strides to overcome the stigma that was placed on her as a youth.

A single parent, who really struggled with keeping her family together, realized that she had to make the journey alone without her daughter's father, due to domestic issues. I can clearly see the strength of this individual, who has recently joined the Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) of her daughter's school and feels very proud of her participation in decision making and planning education opportunities for the children.

Recently planning and implementing the props for the event setting up and working the Snowball Winter Dance at her daughter's school with the theme "Dress to Impress". A great time was had by all. The event was a success.

This report was respectfully submitted by

Denise Vanderpool  
Coordinator

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

**Center** County South Family Resource Center    **Date** November 2017

# Total Volunteers	19
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	37
# Clients set up in Cap60	5
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

**Center Highlights:** Much of November has been spent registering families for the Tully Community Christmas Basket Program; managing the donations and organizing all the details associated with this project. Many people have been assisted with Heap. New Family Advocate, Karen Barry, has been doing a great job learning about how the center is run, her new position, and working with families. Housing continues to be an issue in the rural area. Currently CSFRC has 2 families facing homelessness and 1 single man who is already homeless and living in a garage. From a fiscal point of view, November was an expensive month as County South will be getting a new snow blower, a new washer and dryer for the tenant as well as a repaired roof that costs a lot of money. Instead of coin operated machines, we will now have just a regular washer and dryer with the cost difference coming in a \$25 rent increase per month. The rent has gone up to \$400 per month for the transitional apartment upstairs starting December 1, 2017.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sorting and Packing with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the community for the Tully Community Christmas Baskets

Senior Fruit Basket Distribution – December 19<sup>th</sup>

Tully Community Christmas Basket Distribution – December 20<sup>th</sup>

Parenting classes to begin in the first week of January

### **Success Story**

A community person who has been helped by PEACE, Inc. and the local churches in the past dropped off a beautiful, framed cross stitch of all the state flowers. She asked if we could have a raffle and the cross stitch would be the prize with all the proceeds going to the “Tully Community Christmas Basket Program”. “You always helped us at Christmas time so this is my way of giving back” the customer said. So far, it has been shown at one site and ticket sales totaled \$130.



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

# Total Volunteers	17
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	659
# Clients set up in Cap60	2
# Emergency Food donations	172 served/1 548 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Simple Admit Baldwinsville	1

### Center Highlights:

November brought all of us much to be thankful for! We had generous community donations from Gypsum express , the Baldwinsville Fire Department and several community members. Fidelis and United healthcare was here assisting folks with healthcare needs. Brandy from Healthy Families was here doing outreach. The donation area and the Emergency Food Pantry was very busy and thanks go out to the volunteers for all of their hard work.

### Upcoming Events:

We will begin our Christmas Corner sign-ups and clients will be here to shop on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>. Once again,our community has been so generous with donations for food and gifts for children. Some include NorthSide Baptist Church,St. Augustine's Church,SimpleAdmit and Gypsum Express. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will aslo be donating stocking stuffers,board games and hats and mittens. We are so excited for the upcoming concert on December 17<sup>th</sup> at The FireSide Inn in Baldwinsville. Lettizia and the Z band will be playing from 4-7. The concert is free,donation is hats,coats,gloves/mittens. The Rescue Mission will be joining us in this event. Many Thanks go to Scott LeClair for this event!

### Success Story:

One of our clients was recently hired at the Mexico School District. Weassisted her using CSBG funds to get the job requirements fulfilled. We are so happy for her and will continue to support her and her family.





# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

**Center:** Eastside Family Resource Center/Project Connection (ESFRC)

**Date:** November 2017

# Total Volunteers	8
# New Volunteers	
# Clients served	475
# Clients set up in Cap60	
# Emergency Food donations	85
# New collaborations Syracuse City School OBG (O Brien & Gere) CNY Works	1

## Center Highlights:

November was a great month full of giving and learning from others. Peace Eastside continued to work on relationship in the community. The children in the OPWDD program all received a \$15 dollars gift certificate for food and also a gift box for the Holiday.

## **New Collaborations**

With the closing of the month of November, Peace Eastside family Resource Center had a steady month as staff balanced and maintained everyday programming (National Grid, Senior Nutrition Lunch, food pantry, Etc.) ESFRC has worked with Syracuse City School District Students helping them to establish goals while working on life skills. SCSD Alternative Program and Peace have established employment for all youth who are of 16 years of age in the program. Each child will also receive academic credit for working, which motivates students even more.

## **Up Coming Event**

Holiday Surprises

## **Daily Programs**

Food, giveaway daily.

Food Pantry every Monday from 9-12.

Fidelis every other Thursday from 10-12

United Health Care on Tuesdays from 10-12

National Grid every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12.

Department of Labor every Thursday from 10-12

Healthy Neighborhood (passes out cleaning supplies, mop buckets and smoke detectors)

Thank You

Peace Eastside Staff

Coordinator: Rasheada Caldwell

Advocate: Lita Germany

Support Specialist OPWDD- Gavonna King

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Emma L. Johnston SFRC

Date: 09/13/2017

Month of: August

# Total Number of Volunteers	11
# New Volunteers	0
#Clients Served	1540
#Clients set up in Cap60	109
# Food Giveaway	1,144
#Individuals Received Emergency Food Pantry	273
#Individuals Family Reunification	6
# New Collaborations	2

### Center Highlights:

The SSFRC had a wonderful time during our Turkey giveaway held on 11/21/17. There were 102 families (200 adults, 189 children, 9 seniors) that were given a turkey and a box with trimmings and fresh produce. This was done in collaboration with the center NAC, Syracuse Inner City Rotary, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and Onondaga County Healthy Neighbors. The radio advertisement for the event was done in-kind by POWER620 and WAER FM.

### Community Participation:

The center has been in continuous conversation with WAER FM about poverty in the community. There is a series that the SSFRC have been asked to participate in that addresses poverty in the Syracuse community. Staff has been asked by POWER620 to speak on the radio about second chances and the importance of working with community members as the reintegrate back into society after incarceration. Staffs have also been asked to share in a panel that will be discussing racial and ethnic disparities (RED) in the Juvenile Justice System.

### Upcoming Events:

The SSFRC will be hosting a Holiday Celebration for staff, volunteers, NAC members and Family Reunification families.

### Success Story:

The success of story of SSFRC comes with a young man who graduated with honors this past spring and was accepting into Syracuse University. He volunteered at the center for some time and was connected to CNY Works which he have been assigned to work at SSFRC. Recently he had a child born and became a proud father of a baby girl. It was discovered that throughout the summer in addition to work through CNY Works he would do odd jobs and mow community grass to buy things for his then unborn child. He is looking for permanent employment although he now the sole custodian of a new born child. That is commendable because he is moving towards having a better life for him and his child.



Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Date: November 2017

# Total Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	5
# Clients served	14
# Clients set up in Cap60	N/A
# Emergency Food donations	N/A
# New Collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Mundy Branch Library	

**Center Highlights:** This month the Westside Family Resource Center saw a bit of transition. Amidst the transition though, The Center was able to host 5 student volunteers from Whitman School of Business. The students helped to clean, reorganized, and learned about center business and services.

On Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> the Westside Center staff helped with the Southside Center Turkey Giveaway, that event was a large success and saw over 100 community participants.

This month the Westside Center was also able to make a connection with The Mundy Branch Library, there will be future collaborations with the Westside Center and the Library, focusing on job preparedness and computer skills for working age teens and young adults.

