

## **Senior Services**

- Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Food Services
- EISEP & Neighborhood Advisor

## **Eastwood Community Center Board Report October 2021**

### **Eastwood Community Center enrollment:**

- 60 active seniors at month-end October (This number reflects those who are presently involved in the lunch program and enrolled in activities at the start of the new CSBG funded year beginning 10/1/21). There are 20+ additional seniors whom we have not returned as of this date.
- No new seniors enrolled in October

### **Eastwood Community Center Highlights:**

- The FSD nutrition program is serving 10-12 seniors daily.
- Three to four of these seniors are having meals delivered
- Approximately 4-5 seniors are dining on-site
- A monthly informational mailing to the seniors includes a newsletter, monthly menu, updates on COVID 19, along with community information
- Tablet training is in its second session with 6 seniors participating
- Activities for fully-vaccinated seniors include: Tablet Training, Game Day, Art/Crafts, Walking with Oscar & Book Club

### **Monitoring & Assistance provided to Eastwood Community Center's seniors:**

On a regular basis we are reaching out to the seniors who are home-bound and receiving meals to-go insuring their safety and on-going needs are met.

### **Success Story:**

The tablet training class continues to help seniors learn technology in an easy forum geared towards their learning needs. Two seniors, Nancy & Mike Terrance have never had a smart phone before. Their daughter contacted Rollin and told her what type of platform was used to train the seniors on. She went and purchased a Samsung phone mirroring the Samsung tablet used in class. To assist Nancy and Mike, Rollin is providing one-one trainings so they can ready to go for the next class starting November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Foster Grandparent Program Board Report October 2021

### Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 91 enrolled
- 2 FGs dropped – personal reasons
- 3 inactive

### FGP Updates:

#### Temporary Stipend Pay Allowance:

Federal temporary stipend pay allowance ended for all on 9/30/2021. While our national association lobbied our federal funder to continue allowing payment of a temporary stipend, the decision was ultimately made by OMB.

As of 10/1/21, all active volunteers will be paid their Paid Time Off hours – per FGP’s written policy:

#### FGP Paid Time Off Policy: (from FGP Volunteer Policy Handbook)

- Effective 10/1/2021 and starting with pay date of 11/5/2021 – foster grandparents will be paid stipend using their Paid Time Off (PTO). PTO will be distributed at a minimum of 5 hours per week or 10 hours every pay period.
- This is a significant decrease in what most have been receiving, but PEACE feels it is important that you receive a smaller but steady amount of money on a longer, regular basis.
- We will re-examine the PTO situation after 1/11/2022 and make adjustments, if possible.

#### Return to Service – In-person Volunteer Service:

- 4 – foster grandparents serving at Head Start: Merrick, Sumner & James St.
- 1 – foster grandparent serving at Salvation Army Day Care Center
- 1 – foster grandparent serving at Elmcrest Children’s Center Day Care Center
  
- SCSD – no update on when FGs can return to service at elementary schools.

#### Recruitment Activities:

- 10/19 Senator Mannion’s Senior Fair @ SRC Arena/OCC
- 10/21 Southside Family Resource Center Community Fair

#### Upcoming Activities:

- November 17 - In-Service & Harvest Lunch at Eastwood Community Center ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
  - ♦ Session 1: 9:30 am – 12 noon
  - ♦ Session 2: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- November 9 - Tablet Technology Training sessions at ECC – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
  - ♦ running for 5 weeks 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/20, 12/7

## Food Services Board Report November 2021

### Food Services Meals Served: October

#### Head Start Meals:

- 7,296 Breakfast
- 7,605 Lunches
- 6,888 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 3,744

#### Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 0 Breakfast
- 216 Lunch
- 0 Snack

### Senior Nutrition Contribution:

- Net contribution: \$6,546
- Average Meal Contribution: \$1.75

### Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving by providing a special meal to Head Start and all of the Senior Nutrition locations.

### Program Opportunities:

#### Open positions:

- 2 - Kitchen Worker/ Driver positions
- 1 - Kitchen Aide

### Success Story:

Two more congregate sites are scheduled to re-open. (Valley Vista and North Syracuse)  
Brighton Towers has been approved to provide service an additional day on Wednesday's.

## SENIOR SUPPORTS: Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP Board Report ~ November 2021

### EISEP – Jessica Brown, Case Manager

#### Client Activity:

- 50 Active Clients
- 0 new clients
- 2 clients discharged
- 6 home visits
- 78.50 units of service

#### Neighborhood Advisor Program

- Neighborhood Advisor Rene Green is re-starting on 11/15/21
- Current coverage provided by staff of CSFRC and Beth O’Hara

#### Staff providing assistance to seniors with 2021-2022 HEAP applications:

Regular HEAP Benefit Amounts 2021-2022	
Base Benefit Amount	Living Situation
\$21	Eligible households that live in government subsidized housing or a group home setting with heat included in their rent.
\$45 or \$50	Eligible households who have heating costs included as part of their rent.
\$675 + applicable add-ons	Eligible households whose primary heat is oil, kerosene, or propane and who make direct payments to the vendor for heating costs.
\$525 + applicable add-ons	Eligible households whose primary heat is wood, wood pellets, coal, corn or other deliverable fuel and who make direct payments to the vendor for heating costs.
\$350 + applicable add-ons	Eligible households whose primary heat is electricity or natural gas and who make direct payments based on their household’s actual usage to the vendor.