

## **Senior Services**

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

02/2015



## **Eastwood Community Center Board Report – January 2015**

### **Center Happenings**

1/12 CLP upstairs at ECC 9AM

1/19 Center closed for MLK Jr Day

1/20 New volunteers orientation @ 2:15 PM

1/27-1/29 Foster Grandparent Orientation upstairs at ECC

Intern(Lili) from Lemoyne involved at the center throughout the month

Jessica (Senior Program Coordinator) met with a local Yoga instructor to chat about the possibility of implementing a group again for seniors and possibly a new group for staff after work day.

Jessica met with OCC nursing student Alonzo Ackerley on 1/28 at 1:30 PM to schedule and discuss details for a nutrition/healthy eating lunch and learn for February on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 12PM.

Tours to potential new center members

### **Senior Programming & Activities**

The seniors held their regular games and activities – Pitch, Bingo, and other card games.

1/5 Senior Advisory Council Meeting

1/12 Outing with seniors to Destiny USA for bowling at Revolutions and lunch at The Cheesecake Factory

1/23 Jewelry craft

1/26 Special Breakfast for seniors and staff (menu: fresh made Belgian waffles, home fries, fresh fruit, juice, coffee and pastries) 9:15 AM

1/26 Lunch n Learn presented by staff from The Hearth

1/26 Special Prize bingo courtesy of The Hearth 1PM

### **Donation Program**

Rite Aid – Provided a variety of items for our program participants including body lotion, body wash and cosmetics

Toys R Us /Babies R Us

Costco donated baked goods and fresh produce

Corso's donated cookies (holiday designs)

Infusion in East Syracuse donated frozen product

G & C Foods is donating product to PEACE, Inc. which was distributed to agency programs and to our community partners.

Several other food brokers including Wegmans donated product that was distributed to the resource centers upon arrival.

Throughout the course of the month, several large donations of food, clothes, and toys were received. Kids in Distress Situations were a donor again...their donation included jeans.

Gymboree and Janie and Jack donated small kids clothing again

Kent & Linda Taber (Volunteers) from Sandy Creek are assisting at ECC with the donation program periodically. Additional volunteers include: Earle Lewis (daily). Debbie and Mary volunteers from the Elbridge Food Pantry (weekly). New volunteers - Brigitte Sacco and Sam Pollheimer. Pat Dougherty has continued to volunteer on Wednesday mornings at 10 until 12 PM.



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

***FGP February Report (Jan. Activity)  
to  
P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Board of Directors***

**119 foster grandparent volunteers enrolled**

- 2 volunteers dropped - 1 health issues - 1 deceased
- 4 volunteers on medical leave - 2 hope to return in near future, 2 to be dropped
- 12 new volunteer enrolled

**January New Volunteer Orientation**

- 12 volunteers completed training session Jan 26-30
- Currently awaiting results of NYS Teach Fingerprinting clearances prior to placement.
- All to be placed in First and Second Grade classrooms in SCSD if receive NYS Teach Clearance.

**FGP Advertising Campaign kicked off in mid-January**

Theme - "Help Syracuse Kids Do Better In School". The adults featured in all marketing materials are actual Foster Grandparents currently serving in SCSD elementary schools. Media plan designed by Koenig Advertising, to specifically target FGP population, and includes Centro buses, TV, Radio, Print and On-Line. TV ads run either 1 week or 2 weeks a month during morning news, talk shows, game shows, and early evening programming. Radio spots include gospel shows and Latino programming. Print include the Post Standard Neighbors City edition twice monthly, and The Strand monthly. Syracuse.com. Centro - 8 buses with outside ads; 166 interior ad in buses. All advertising running through end of June 2015.

**Orientation Schedule**

February 9 - 12

February 23-26

March 2 -5

March 16-19

March 30 - April 2

FGP Training Specialist has revamped the training curriculum to focus on best practices for working with First and Second Graders.

**No In~Service In January**



Joseph E. O'Hara, Executive Director

## **EISEP and NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISOR**

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

**February 2015**

Prepared by: Randall LaManche

*\*Note: In December Randall LaManche was charged to oversee these positions.*

#### **Neighborhood Advisor (Baldwinsville Area):**

- **Interviews have been conducted and an offer has been made to fill this position. The anticipated start date of Mary Binsley is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **The annual monitoring conducted by the Office of Aging and Youth is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The RFP's for the next contract period for this position have been received.**

#### **EISEP Case Management (Baldwinsville Area):**

- **On January 6<sup>th</sup> I met with the Debbie Jones and Tyler Brown both Onondaga County employees who oversee the EISEP program. I was orientated to the program procedures and policies. I also was given access and training to the SAM's data base program which is used to document cases and collect service data.**
- **On January 31<sup>st</sup> I began the annual agency review of Theresa Bailey's case files. So far the files reviewed have been very complete and accurate. The balance of files will be reviewed in February.**
- **Theresa Bailey completed new assessment in January.**
- **Theresa Bailey completed 16 home visits in January and had one client discharged.**
- **Theresa's starting case load in January was 53 clients and she also ended with 53 clients.**





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## **Food Services Report** **February 2015**

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

(Prepared by Randy La Manche)

### **Meals Served in January**

The Food Service Division served **5,873** eligible Senior Nutrition lunches January.

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

**8,240** Breakfasts

**11,233** Lunches

**7,360** Snacks

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

Breakfasts

**19** Lunches

Snacks

### **Senior Nutrition Contributions**

The total contributions for the month were \$10,223.84

This is an average meal contribution of \$1.74 per senior meal.

### **Staffing:**

- We currently are fully staffed
- 2 staff members are out on medical leave at this time.

## **Operational News:**

### **Senior Nutrition**

- In January 2015 we increased the number of meals served to Senior Nutrition compared to January 2014.
- We are investigating ways to increase the number of senior meals served. We are looking at adding additional service days to current centers and the possibility of opening new locations all together.
- A new initiative to provide healthy homemade meals using fresh and local ingredients is being kicked off for the senior program in 2015. It is our hope that this new initiative will attract new participants to our program and increase participation as a whole.
- A marketing campaign was kicked off in January and the County has agreed to reimburse us for the costs associated with this. We are running an ad in the Neighbors section of the Post Standard quarterly. Also, we have redesigned our menu to be more attractive to seniors. This new design will be printed each month by a professional printing company in color and on larger paper.

### **Head Start**

- We have begun an initiative to increase the amount of whole grains served. We also have been incorporating more fresh ingredients in our recipes, specifically vegetables and spices.
- We are working closely with the Nutrition Coordinator and sites to prepare more appetizing special diet foods. We also, are examining recipes that can accommodate a broader group of children including those with special dietary needs.