

Family & Community Development

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report
March 2016

County East Family Resource Center Date: April 11, 2016

# Total Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	379
# Clients set up in Cap60	42
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Onondaga County Dept. WIC Program: Women Infants and Children	1

Center Highlights:

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center received a donation of non-perishable food from the First United Church of East Syracuse to assist with the mission to address hunger in the community.

An individual donated non-perishable food to County East Family Resource Center to assist with the Emergency Food Pantry.

Konosioni Lodge #950 of Fayetteville donated ten (10) Easter Baskets to County East Family Resource Center. The baskets were packed with items for Easter including a ham and all the makings for a wonderful Easter dinner. The baskets were distributed to low-income families in the community.

Konosioni Lodge #950 of Fayetteville held the bicycle raffle at County East Family Resource Center on March 30, 2016. There were fourteen lucky winners of low income families/children in the community.

County East Family Resource Center transported six (6) seniors from the East Syracuse Minoa High School to On-Point for College for enrollment into the program that assists families with transitioning into college. On-point provides support and assistance and addresses, FASA application, transportation and employment through high school and throughout the two or four years of college.

Eastwood Litho Printing Company donated and printed five hundred tickets to County East Family Resource Center in support of our Mother's Day Raffle. The proceeds of the raffle will support the Emergency Food Pantry.

Upcoming Events:

Mother's Day Raffle: May 5, 2016

Mother Day Luncheon: May date TBA

Success Story☺

Several students through the elementary school have enrolled into a one-on-one mentoring/tutoring program. As a result of the program the students have began to reach out and communicate with staff.

County East staff has visited the schools and continue working with counselor, Behavior Specialist and teachers, increasing communication, socialization and academic progress.

This report was respectfully submitted by
Denise Vanderpool
Coordinator

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center **Date** March 2016

# Total Volunteers	25
# New Volunteers	4
# Clients served	57
# Clients set up in Cap60	6
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

Center Highlights: CSFRC staff and the afterschool program participants walked in the St. Patrick’s Day parade in Syracuse on March 12th. Six out of nine students participated in promoting the agency by walking in the parade. They had a wonderful time and were able to stop to have lunch together on the way home. It was a wonderful day for all of the students and staff at CSFRC. We were all proud of our Executive Director, Joe O’Hara who was the grand marshal of the parade!

Parenting classes have been busy this month. The Tuesday evening class finished a unit on **Discipline** and the Wednesday evening class completed a unit on **Emotional Intelligence**. Both groups were able to watch a movie pertaining to each topic on the new flat screen TV in the conference room. **Two families moved** into apartments and better housing this month with the assistance and support of CSFRC. Families were assisted with furniture, rent, groceries, housewares and a moving van.

Upcoming Events: There will be a **Rural Outreach meeting** on April 21st at St. Leo’s Food pantry facilitated by CSFRC. Members attend from the Food Bank, Catholic Charities, SHPC, Interreligious Food Consortium and all the pantries from the southern part of the county. CSFRC will also be implementing the **new FISH expansion** in April that will open up free medical transport for the towns of Fabius –Pompey and Delphi Falls which make up the south eastern corner of Onondaga County.

Success Story A customer of the CSFRC who has had many trials to overcome in the past few months was able to **purchase a car** so that she would be able to get a job. She had lost her job and her previous car and was living without running water for six weeks. Throughout this time, the FRC was able to help with transportation to DSS, job searching through use of the center’s computer, emergency food and lots of information, referrals and support from the Family Advocate. A generous community member asked us how to help and offered to pay for a car. The customer purchased a car and has numerous interviews lined up over the next few weeks as an LPN. Community connections are essential for our work to be successful.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center _____ County West Family Resource Center Date_March 2016__

# Total Volunteers	25
# New Volunteers	5
# Clients served	178
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	170 served/1,530 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Baldwinsville Rotary	1

Center Highlights:

The Easter Basket program was a great success! We helped families with 94 Easter baskets. Many Thanks to our volunteers, specially Jessica St.Amand. Diane Natale and I attended the Northside Church Upward bound basketball awards ceremony on 3/20. We spoke about the Center and the food pantry and thanked the kids for all of their hard work for the food drive. We also received food donations from Onondaga Physical Therapy. Say Yes to Fruits and vegetables from the FoodBank came and made a fresh fruit and yogurt parfait. Fidelis Res were here and Healthy Families doing outreach.

Upcoming Events: NorthSide Baptist is sending a youth group to volunteer on 4/9. We are planning a bookbuddy program and the girls will be putting these together. The girls also offered to come to the Center during school break(4/25-4/29) to give the books away and do face painting for the kids. Healthy Families and Fidelis will be doing outreach again and we hope to get some health related services(blood pressure..etc) going at the same time. I spoke with Jim Noble about using the parking lot for the electronics pick-up and he gave the go ahead. More plans coming. Summer is approaching and we have been planning the Summer trips and camperships. We have approximately \$1800 going towards helping our children enjoy camp and additional funds for day trips(seabreeze,fairhaven,the most,thunder island,strong museum.)

Success Story:

One of our Family Development Mom's received unsupervised visitation of her children . We have been supporting her with crisis counseling,advocacy,transportation and parenting skills. She has attended several court dates and followed through with all recommendations from her attorney and Family Court.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

Date: March 2016

# Total Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	
# Clients served	984
# Clients set up in Cap60	4
# Emergency Food donations	2207.90
# New collaborations Syracuse University, Ass. Prof. Sharieff Bey Department of Health Department of Health	

Center Highlights:

The month of March was a month of healthy eating. With the collaboration with Sharieff Bey, an Associate Professor at Syracuse University, families were introduced to a healthy lunch which was prepared and served by him. It was such a rewarding event that plans were made to have this lunch event once a month as well as cooking classes in the future with our youth. We are also working on collaboration with a Case Manager who will rent space to help people with mental health receive services that they might need. Care Share application through the month of January to March we have completed over 122 applications.

Upcoming Events:

American Heart Association event at Eastside Family Resource Center April 23, 2016

Outreach for the County Health Department will start coming to the center on Tue

Fidelis every other Thursday in the building to help register people who need insurance

Guest speaker from Bankers Life insurance for the seniors

National Grid every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12

Success Story:

The success story of the month comes through a volunteer who was referred to our center through Jobs Plus and the empowering experience that arose from collaborations. During his volunteer intake he identified his barriers to obtaining employment and wanted to move forward to self-stability so he applied for employment with Work Experience. Through the support and encouragement he received as a volunteer, along with collaboration he was accepted into the program and assigned to this center as an employee through Work Experience. He expresses his sincere gratitude to all the staff here because he is a step closer to self-sustainability. This is an example of when we working together community members benefits.

Project Connection

Project Connection staff is working hard to increase enrollment. The staff completed flyers for the program and also visited schools to get the word out. The project connection space is not quite ready the asbestos was removed at the end of the month and also alarmed changed.



Connie Magunga <cmagunga@peace-caa.org>

Southside FRC - Monthly Board Report

1 message

Mary Beth Welch <marybeth.welch@peace-caa.org>

Thu, Apr 14, 2016 at 4:13 PM

To: Connie Magunga <cmagunga@peace-caa.org>

Good Afternoon Connie,

Please note due to staffing transition, the Southside Family Resource was only operational on a limited basis for the month of March. There will be no report submitted for the April meeting. Please advise if you have any questions. Thank you.

Mary Beth

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date March '2016

# Total Volunteers	24
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	145
# Clients set up in Cap60	6
# Emergency Food donations	16
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Westside Take Back the Streets Gifford Foundation Near Westside Initiative Lerner Center	

Center Highlights:

The collaboration with Junior League is going very well, they visited the center with lunch and talked about ways to they can get involved to make the summer a pleasant one for the youth and want to assist in planning for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The youth received Easter Baskets filled with lots of goodies.

The Coordinator has been assisting the Director of the Near Westside in finding employable residents living in the Near Westside helping them with resumes for positions at the Syracuse Downtown Marriott along with the Initiative as we continue to meet with their Director of Human Resources Ms. Pirano.

The Near Westside monthly meeting of Westside *"Take Back the Streets"*, residents, stakeholders and partners was held at WCNY studio, with over thirty agencies in attendance. Everyone shared their projects and we talked about ways we can partner together on community projects, support for each other and the big Earth Day Clean Up.

Due to the changes in the Parks Department it has made a huge impact on our Summer Program, program ages changed, camps were eliminated and the big hit was that we can no longer register youth for camps as a group, so this impacted programming and we had to take a step back and strategize. The coordinator is working with partners and other community groups to collaborate with, to get as many youth in other affordable camps and scheduling them into other events for a meaningful summer. She is working with the Near Westside Initiative to assist with artist and other programs in the area to bring programs to the center. The parks staff has been helpful in providing assistance.

As per email from Heart Share they had over their quota of 1000 and suspended the Care and Share program until further notice; to reconcile their records and we were asked to please do not submit any further applications, as they will not be reviewed. After reconciliation, they will reopen on April 11th 2016 where we will again be able to submit applications again. It was a slow month for utility assistance; we had four families apply for utilities assistance and were approved.

Upcoming Events:

SU students building garden

Junior League Build

Junior League Library Celebration

Earth Day Clean Up

Success Story:

- One customer needed assistance with ride to get taxes done and was happy to receive a large refund that helped him buy a decent car to get to work.
- More individuals with economic challenges are working to build their resume and looking at going back to school.
- One male client has been successful in employment
- Client came in seeking assistance with employment, because of Spanish being her first language, and her accent being so strong, she had concerns about obtaining employment. In working with the advocate doing job searches and help with her resume and interview skills, completed the classes and has now acquired full time employment as a Nurse's Aide, she was given two clients her first week on the job she has now has a caseload of five patients. She is happy to be collecting a pay check.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Smothers, Coordinator