

Get Ready for the 13th Annual Champions of Diversity

Get ready for a great time on Thursday, October 16th as PEACE, Inc. celebrates the 13th Annual Champions of Diversity. At this special event, we honor individuals and companies who respect diversity and improve the quality of life in our community. This year we are proud to recognize the following honorees:

SRC for its commitment to improving the quality of life for all people in our community and its generous support of the local nonprofit community.

Paul Nojaim for his support of the Near Westside community, his dedication to helping people overcome obstacles and his respect for diversity.

Jackie Robinson for her lifelong commitment to celebrating diversity and to empowering people to improve their lives through increased participation in our community.

Honorary Co-Chairs Gary and Nicole Gait and Adrian and Andrea Autry will kick off the event at 6 pm at the MOST in Armory Square. Guests will be able to socialize with friends and colleagues, bid on silent auction items, enjoy food stations and a cash bar and experience the MOST exhibits. At 8 pm guests will gather for dessert and the awards presentation. Tickets are available for \$125 each or \$1250 for a ten pack. Contact Sharon Barrett at Sharon.Barrett@peace-caa.org or 634-3719 for more information.



Above: PEACE, Inc. Executive Director Joe O'Hara, Board members Dave Scharoun and Bob Tackman, and community members, Baye Muhammad, Commissioner of City of Syracuse Parks & Recreation, and DJ Maestro (aka Hasan Stephens), celebrate with Mary Alice Smothers, Coordinator of the PEACE, Inc. Westside Family Resource Center, at the center fundraiser Dude! You Cook?! on May 10 at the Crowne Plaza in Syracuse.



Above: Cathy Green, PEACE, Inc. HR Director, was recognized as a Diversity Achiever at the YWCA Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism and Promote Diversity Luncheon. Way to go Cathy!

OUT & ABOUT WITH PEACE, INC.



Below: Volunteers from Welch Allyn get ready to paint, landscape and generally spruce things up at PEACE, Inc. Merrick Head Start as part of Welch Allyn's 5th Annual Beacon of Quality – A Show of Hands.



Southside Family Resource Center Renamed

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA). The EOA created a variety of programs—including Community Action Agencies—as part of his War on Poverty. PEACE, Inc. was one of the agencies established to address local poverty problems in rural, urban, and suburban communities across the country.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Community Action, PEACE, Inc. hosted a celebration to rename our Southside Family Resource Center for longtime community activist and PEACE, Inc. founder and current board emeritus Emma L. Johnston. Many political officials and local dignitaries, including Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, and Deputy County Executive for Human Services Ann Rooney, were on hand for the celebration.

Later in the summer, Emma received the Syracuse Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award from Direct Energy and the Syracuse Media Group. Along with the honor, PEACE, Inc. received a \$5,000 donation in Emma's name.



Emma stands under the new signage at the PEACE, Inc. Emma. L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center.



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Haylor Freyer & Coon Provides Funding for Summer Camps

Thanks to a generous donation from Haylor Freyer & Coon, more than 100 children attended 200 weeks of summer camp including Boenheim Basketball Camp, CBA College Prep Football Camp, College for Kids at Onondaga Community College, Lourdes Camp, and LeMoyne Reading Camp. In addition, groups of children from PEACE, Inc.'s six Family Resource Centers took exciting fieldtrips to destinations like a horseback riding farm, Hershey Park, Wonderworks, the MOST, and Jamesville Beach.

Many of these children have very limited opportunities to leave their own struggling neighborhoods. Participating in the classic American summer camp experience or going on a fun field trip can have an big impact on a child. These summer activities expose children to new places, interests and people and allow them to envision new possibilities for themselves.

Many thanks to Haylor Freyer & Coon to making a difference in the lives of so many children in our community!



Right: Meeting a new winged friend at the Strong Museum in Rochester.



Left: Youngsters from the Westside Family Resource Center showing their appreciation.

Dear Friends,

As a beautiful Central New York summer comes to a close, our Head Start program has been welcoming new and returning children and families. By providing educational, health, social, and nutritional assessments and services, Head Start helps our most vulnerable children develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

On October 16th, we will be celebrating the 13th Annual Champions of Diversity at the MOST. We will be honoring Jackie Robinson, Paul Nojaim and SRC, Inc. for their outstanding contributions to respecting diversity and improving lives of people in our community. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and I encourage you to attend.

Our Foster Grandparent Program is embarking on a new collaboration with the Syracuse City Schools to provide Foster Grandparents in first and second grade classrooms across the district. As Foster Grandparents, volunteers age 55 and over act as role models and mentors to children with special needs. Income eligible foster grandparents receive a small stipend for their time. To learn more about the program, please call 295-0719.

I am so grateful to our staff, board members, community partners and most especially our volunteers for their dedication to empowering people and changing lives. Without you, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of "helping people in the community realize their potential for becoming self-sufficient."

Every Kind Wish,

Joe

Joseph E. O'Hara
Executive Director



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2014-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

PEACE, Inc. engaged in a comprehensive and productive strategic planning process. Information from the community, volunteers, board members, staff and clients, was gathered to establish the following three year goals. We will continue collaborating to meet these goals and make our agency even stronger.

GOAL 1:
IMPROVE FINANCIAL
STABILITY AND
PROGRAM QUALITY
IN A CHANGING
ENVIRONMENT

GOAL 2:
ALIGN PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES WITH
THE NEEDS OF THE
COMMUNITY

GOAL 3:
IMPROVE PEACE,
INC.'S VISIBILITY IN
THE COMMUNITY TO
STRENGTHEN AND FULFILL
THE AGENCY'S
MISSION

GOAL 4:
STRENGTHEN THE
AGENCY'S LEADERSHIP
CAPACITY IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE CONSISTENT
AND HIGH QUALITY
MANAGEMENT