

**AMAZING WORK
DONE BY VOLUNTEERS**

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and we want to take the opportunity to thank our amazing volunteers. Last year 2,873 people volunteered their time at PEACE, Inc. and we are grateful to every single one of you who made the decision to get involved and help make things better by sharing your talents with the community.

Whether you mentored youth, sorted donations, distributed food, read to a child, prepared taxes, served on the Board of Directors or an Advisory Council, or helped to staff a center, we are very grateful for the time you are giving to make our community stronger. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at PEACE, Inc. please call 470-3300 or email us at volunteer@peace-caa.org.



Left: Volunteers from the County West Family Resource Center enjoy a delicious homemade Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



Above: Volunteer luncheon for County East Family Resource Center.



Above: The "Top Five" PEACE, Inc. Head Start / Early Head Start parents with the most volunteer hours. The combined contribution from these parents was 1,557 hours from September 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

Below: Bowling, Mentoring and Giving at Bowl for Kids' Sake 2015 Thanks to all who helped to make the PEACE, Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake a huge success especially our sponsors Lockheed Martin, SEFCU, Home Depot, O'Brien & Gere, and TOPS Market. A special thanks to Flamingo Bowl for hosting the event again.



Below: The 6th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon at PEACE, Inc. Westside Family Resource Center was held on May 7th, 2015. The luncheon included a delicious meal, guest speakers, and raffle prizes.



Below: The National Grid Customer Assistance Expo event held on Thursday, May 7th at the PEACE, Inc. Eastside Family Resource Center was a huge success.



**Please use the enclosed envelope to donate to
PEACE, Inc.'s Annual Appeal**

**OUT & ABOUT
WITH
PEACE, INC.**

Below: Congressman John Katko joins PEACE, Inc. Head Start at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo for Read Across America / Dr. Seuss Day.



Right: Joe O'Hara, PEACE, Inc. Executive Director and Sharon Barrett, PEACE, Inc. PR & Marketing Director, accept a donation of books from Tricia Adams of the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwinsville.



Above: Dedicated Family Resource Center Coordinators, Mary Alice Smothers, Rasheada Caldwell, and Lori Covington, were up bright and early to register their youngest clients for City of Syracuse summer camps.

**FOSTER GRANDPARENT
PROGRAM PARTNERS
WITH THE SYRACUSE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

We are very proud of the PEACE, Inc. Foster Grandparent Program for its successful partnership with the Syracuse City School District. This fall, the Foster Grandparent Program embarked on an exciting new initiative to recruit, train, place and support a Foster Grandparent in every first and second grade classroom in the City of Syracuse. Since August 2014, the program has grown from 75 Foster Grandparents to 146 and currently, there is a Foster Grandparent helping children in 74 of the 131 first and second classrooms in the district.

Serving as positive role models, Foster Grandparents spend approximately 20 hours per week in the classroom giving one-to-one attention, encouragement and support to children needing assistance in overcoming social, emotional and academic obstacles. To learn more about the program, call 295-0719 or go to www.peace-caa.org/FosterGrandparents.

Right: One of the PEACE, Inc. Foster Grandmothers working with a youngster on her school work.



Left: Lula Donald at the Annual Foster Grandparent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Lula retired after 29 years as a Foster Grandparent. Thank you Grandma Lula for nearly three decades of caring for children.



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Dear Friends,

Spring is a busy time of year at PEACE, Inc. April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and we are very grateful to our dedicated volunteers for all they do to improve lives in our community. May is Community Action Month and we celebrate the important work of promoting self-sufficiency for the disadvantaged and implementing innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and living conditions for all people in need of assistance.

This is also the time of year we conduct our Annual Appeal. Your contribution will help us provide much needed early childhood education, mentoring, weatherization, crisis intervention, family development, employment support, and senior services. To make a donation, call 634-3719, go to our website at www.peace-caa.org/donate, or utilize the enclosed envelope.

We are very proud to report that the PEACE, Inc. ^{EITC} You've Earned It! (Free Tax Program) completed 3,650 tax returns and recouped \$3,908,179 in refunds for Onondaga County residents. Thanks to United Way of Central New York, Key Bank, and Citizens Bank for their support, and to our partners in the CASH Coalition.

Thanks again for all you do to improve the quality of life in our community.

Every Kind Wish,

Joe

Joseph E. O'Hara
Executive Director



"YOU GAVE ME MY LIFE BACK"



Lee moved to Syracuse from Atlanta, Georgia in 1968. He attended Corcoran High School where he excelled at track and was being considered for college scholarships. Unfortunately, before graduating Lee was

seriously injured in a car accident - ending his dream of attending college. Over the next 20 years, Lee worked steadily; then his life took a turn for the worse. Several of his siblings died and his only remaining sister required residential care.

Without the support of family, Lee found himself homeless and living at the Rescue Mission, but he didn't give up hope. While there, Lee entered the Onondaga County Senior Employment Program and in the fall of 2014, Lee was placed at the PEACE, Inc. Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center to work alongside Rollin Mincher. Through this placement Lee seemed to find meaning in his life again. Lee arrives each day with a great attitude ready to help with whatever needs to be done including picking up donations, unloading and sorting items or helping set up for senior events.

PEACE, Inc. supported Lee as he took the big step of moving out of the shelter to his own apartment. Lee is now working on obtaining his driver's license and applying for full-time employment. In reflecting on the tremendous community support he has received, Lee says, "You gave me my life back."



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SAVE THE DATE: WE ARE ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE

PEACE, Inc. 14th Annual Champions of Diversity

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6 pm • Drumlins

Honoring:

Rick Shafer, Community Service Award
George Kilpatrick, Lifetime Achievement Award
Haylor Freyer & Coon, Corporate Commitment Award

Join us for stations, drinks, silent auction and awards honoring people and businesses in the community who respect diversity and improve the quality of life.

Tickets \$125, per person; Champion Sponsor (ten tickets) \$1,250. For more information contact Sharon Barrett at 634-3719 or Sharon.Barrett@peace-caa.org.