

**Top Ten
PEACE, Inc.
2014**

- 1 Opened new Head Start sites on James Street in Syracuse and Old Liverpool Road in Liverpool.
- 2 Celebrated 50 years of Community Action with a community wide event!
- 3 Renamed the Southside Family Resource Center the Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center.
- 4 Embarked on an exciting new partnership between Foster Grandparents and the Syracuse City School District. That's 131 classrooms!
- 5 Celebrated with Catherine Green, PEACE, Inc. Human Resource Director, who was honored as a YWCA Diversity Achiever.
- 6 Rolled out a new three year strategic plan to be in effect for 2014 - 2017.
- 7 Sent more than 100 children to over 200 weeks of summer camp and hundreds of families on daytrips thanks to a generous donation of \$40,000 from Haylor Freyer & Coon.
- 8 Earned a low risk auditee designation for the seventh year in a row.
- 9 Provided over 11,500 hours of mentoring to school aged children and changed lives for the better.
- 10 Honored Jackie Robinson, SRC Inc. and Paul Nojaim for respecting diversity and improving the quality of life in our community.



Below: On October 16th PEACE, Inc. celebrated the 13th Annual Champions of Diversity at the MOST. A crowd of more than 300 people gathered to honor SRC, Inc. (James F. Holland, Executive Vice President, Enterprise Services & Solutions accepted for SRC, Inc.), Jackie Robinson, and Paul Nojaim for their work in improving the quality of life in our community and respecting diversity.



Above: Joseph E O'Hara, Executive Director of PEACE, Inc., Stephanie Minor, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, and Wendy Spencer, CEO of Corporation for National & Community Service, at the press conference for Foster Grandparent Program expansion.



Above: As part of the PEACE, Inc. Employee Wellness Fair, PEACE, Inc staff members Jamie Colucci and Kate Kelsen try out a drum circle.



Right: PEACE, Inc staff, Rollin Mincher and Carolyn Brown volunteered at the Butternut Community Police Center Holiday Party.

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



Above: Haylor Freyer & Coon (HFC) donated \$11,000 to PEACE, Inc. The money was won at the annual Chubb Charity Golf Challenge which allows insurance agents from all over the country to compete in a golf tournament on behalf of a charity of their choice. We will use these funds to provide low income children with a 2015 summer camp experience.

**Help Syracuse kids
do better in school**



Become a Foster Grandparent

Call 295-0719 now!

Spend 15 hours a week in a first or second grade classroom helping Syracuse children do better in school. You must be 55 or older and volunteers meeting eligibility requirements will earn a stipend. Enjoy the trust, respect, sense of purpose and accomplishment you'll experience as a Foster Grandparent.



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**Generous
Holiday
Giving**

More than 100 families across Onondaga County received holiday gifts for their families thanks to generous members of our community. The PEACE, Inc. Adopt-A-Family Program matches donors with at risk families who might otherwise go without holiday gifts. These are families who are actively engaged in making a better life for themselves and their families through PEACE, Inc. programming and it means so much to these hardworking parents that their children are able to receive holiday gifts.

We want to thank the many businesses and individuals and who went above and beyond to help families have a special holiday this year. See our website at www.peace-caa.org for a complete list of donors. We also want to thank the student athletes of St. Bonaventure University who donated special gift boxes for our school aged children.



Above: Donors with the holiday spirit drop off gifts for Adopt-A-Family.



Left: St. Bonaventure Student Athletes helped the low income children of our community enjoy the holidays by making gift boxes which included toys, schools supplies and other goodies.



Above: Skaneateles Middles School students went shopping to purchase gifts for children in need in CNY.

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying a healthy and prosperous 2015. I want to thank the PEACE, Inc. staff, volunteers, donors and board members for all you do to help us fulfill the PEACE, Inc. mission.

Throughout this particularly cold winter I have been struck by the many ways our community members support one another. For example, at PEACE, Inc., donors generously provided holiday gifts to more than 100 families, Haylor Freyer & Coon donated \$11,000 which will be used to send children to summer camp and volunteers are busy preparing tax returns for free through our EITC You've Earned It tax preparation program. It is inspirational to see this spirit of giving.

We continue to work on a new initiative with the Syracuse City School District to place a Foster Grandparent in every first and second grade classroom. We are looking for seniors, 55 or older, to spend at least 15 hours a week in a classroom helping children do better in school. Volunteers meeting eligibility requirements can earn a tax-free stipend. Please call 295-0719 or go to www.peace-caa.org to learn more.

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



Head Start Celebrates 50 Years of Preparing Children for Success

This year PEACE, Inc., is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Head Start. Since the summer of 1965, Head Start has been strengthening families and providing the whole child with an opportunity for success in school and in life. Across the nation, successful Head Start graduates are leading their communities, as dedicated parents, teachers, lawyers, athletes, mayors, poets, Members of Congress, religious leaders and musicians.

Throughout the year PEACE, Inc. will be celebrating this milestone and we invite you to celebrate with us. For more information about PEACE, Inc. Head Start go to www.peace-caa/headstart.



Celebrate Head Start's
50th Anniversary!

What do you remember about 1965?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and thousands of supporters marched from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

The Beatles performed at Shea Stadium.

Londoners saw the first mini-skirts.

The Sound of Music was released in theaters.

Head Start was born!

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Community Quarterly



PEACE, Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters

BOWL
FOR KIDS' SAKE

Sunday, March 29, 2015

Flamingo Bowl Liverpool, NY

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

New! Just for you...

BIGS & LITTLES

a **SPECIAL PRICE** &

a **SPECIAL PRIZE**

Bowl together for just **\$30**

Win a **\$300** Gift Certificate Tree

GRAND PRIZES

ADULT GRAND PRIZE

Apple TV +
\$200 Netflix Gift Card

YOUTH GRAND PRIZE

\$200 Destiny USA
Gift Certificate

PLUS! Lots of other great prizes!

Free Bowling, Free Shoes, Free Refreshments all day!
Continuous Door Prize Drawings for everyone!



Entry fees: \$50 per adult and \$25 per youth if not signed up as a Big/Little Team. For each additional \$50/\$25 raised above the minimum entry fee, bowlers will receive one entry in the **Grand Prize Drawing**:

