

COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS AND GENESEE

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



Our mission:

To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient

Hello Team:

I hope everyone is doing well. I am very excited to share that we have something special planned for November. Please mark your calendars for November 17th at 3 pm. Your manager will fill you in on the fine details as we will try to do this together in groups. I hope you remember the NEAR training that I presented at our last in-service event. As a refresher NEAR stands for Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse childhood effects, and Resilience. We discussed how these factors can contribute to mental and physical health problems and behaviors. It helps us to understand why the people we work with may react in a certain way. The next step is Resilience. Helping others, and ourselves, to build resilience to move ahead, despite the challenges we have experienced. The ProAction Community Action Agency has licensed the curriculum for Resilience training that is a follow up to NEAR and I am pleased to announce that CEO Laura Rossman along with Margie Lawlor are going to provide this training for us! Look for an invite to follow.

There have been so many exciting things going on at our agency that this newsletter could become a book. With that, I will highlight just a few and have included some links below to our agency in the news. Also, with the Thanksgiving holiday coming soon, I want to start early with some thanks.

In October we hosted our first two vaccination clinics as part of Axis of Care program. They were a phenomenal success! It is great to be part of such an important part of keeping our communities healthy. Thank you, Jeanette Worsley for coordinating the events. We had a wonderful two-day session at our Main Street Store which welcomed students from the Medina BOCES to learn about customer service. I am told the students picked up and used these skills immediately jumping right into greeting our customers. Many thanks to Cassie Eagle and the MSS team for making this a special event for the students. We were visited by Congresswoman Claudia Tenney and David Bradley, CEO of NCAF. Our Genesee location looked fantastic! A special thank you goes out to Ricky Standish, Marc Malaniak, and Ernie Gurslin for making everything sparkle. Thank you, David Dodge, for sharing a wonderful success story with the Congresswoman and Melissa DeRose for being flexible to help out wherever needed. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to Cassie Kinne who is part of our Head Start team but has been helping out at our administrative office and doing an amazing job!

Read on for more agency news. <https://orleanshub.com/community-action-recognized-with-innovation-award-for-axis-of-care-program/>

<https://orleanshub.com/250k-grant-will-start-new-food-and-nutrition-program-through-community-action-cooperative-extension/>

<https://orleanshub.com/community-action-teaming-with-doh-for-vaccine-clinic-in-albion-holley/>

<https://orleanshub.com/congresswoman-and-national-community-action-leader-tour-local-agency/>

Just a reminder, the COVID bi-valent booster is effective and available and don't forget it is flu season as well. I encourage everyone that can be vaccinated, to do so. Let's keep our community healthy.

Please note that November 11th is Veteran's day. Remember and be thankful for the heroes that served to give us freedom and safety. As always, thank you for all that you do. Together we are making our communities stronger, healthier, and resilient!

Be Part of the Solution

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Congresswoman and national Community Action leader tour local agency



BATAVIA – Representatives from Community Action of Orleans and Genesee met at Community Action in Batavia on Monday with Congresswoman Claudia Tenney who is seeking to represent a district that would include Genesee and part of Orleans County. The redrawn 24th Congressional District includes about a dozen counties.

Renee Hungerford, executive director of Community Action, stressed her agency does not take political stances, and that the visit was simply an opportunity for Tenney, who supports the H.R. 5129, Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act, as well as the H.R. 4040, Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act, to see the work Community Action is doing.

“The former brings important changes, such as a 10-year reauthorization of our foundational funding source, as well as the adoption of a 200% federal poverty level eligibility, which increases the number we are able to help become self-sufficient,” Hungerford said. “This is especially important as minimum wage increases result in reduced eligibility of services for hard-working, low-income individuals and their families. Telehealth is an important tool that connects people to greatly needed healthcare services, which are not limited to the pandemic. It is an important component of our innovative ‘Axis of Care’ program.”

“It is very much ‘to the point’ that we appreciate her support of these two bills,” Hungerford said. “We are thankful that Congresswoman Tenney is a supporter of these acts.

The Community Service Block Grant is the backbone funding for Community Action agencies, Hungerford explained.

Also attending the meeting with Tenney on Monday morning were David Bradley, CEO and co-founder of the National Community Action Foundation, and the primary architect of Community Service Block Grant; Bruce Schmidt, CAOG board vice chair; Barb Shine, CAOG chair; Esther Leadley, CAOG board member; and David Doge, CAOG case manager.

Tenney released a statement that she appreciated the chance to meet with Community Action staff and leaders in Batavia and also in Lockport while she was joined by David Bradley. Bradley’s organization advocates on behalf of a nationwide network of Community Action agencies.

“It is such an honor for our community to welcome David Bradley to Western New York,” Tenney said. “David is a national leader on these issues, and this visit was an important opportunity for our region to highlight the exceptional work being done on the ground to combat poverty and expand opportunity for New York families.

“Community Action agencies provide vital services to those in need, and they do so in a fiscally responsible manner to ensure every taxpayer dollar is used effectively and efficiently,” she said. “We saw their important work in action. I thank the leadership teams and staff at these facilities for their commitment to improving our region by providing New York families with the tools and support for success.”



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FALL CLEANING/HOME MAINTENANCE:

- CLEAR AREAS THAT WILL BE NEEDED COME WINTER (PORCH, SHED, GARAGE SPACE)
- MAKE SURE GUTTERS ARE FREE OF LEAVES AND DEBRIS TO ALLOW PROPER WATER RUN-OFF/AVOID ICE DAMNS
- CLEAN DRYER VENTS TO DECREASE RISK OF MOLD GROWTH & FIRE

WINTER CLEANING/HOME MAINTENANCE:

- CLEAR WALKWAYS FREQUENTLY USED & SALT AS NEEDED (BE AWARE SOME ARE NOT PET SAFE!)
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EMERGENCY HOME & CAR KITS. (IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGE OR ACCIDENT)
- KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS AND DRIVEWAYS AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON



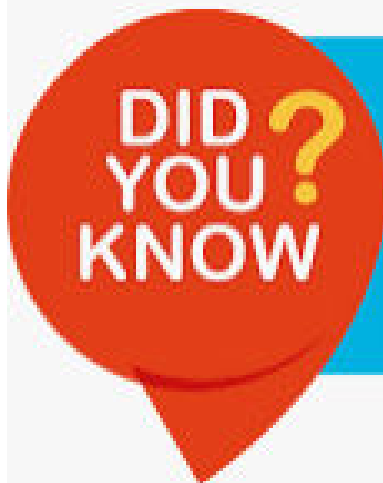
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