

Employee Newsletter

June 1st, 2023

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee

Our mission:: "To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient."

Hello Team:

At our first Stone Soup graduation ceremony, one of the participants approached me and said that it would be nice if our agency could offer free seedlings to community members to get them started on growing some of their own food. Being an avid cook and gardener, I was excited by this idea so immediately started to explore how we can do this. I wrote to a company called Sow Right seeds who generously donated to us, a wide variety of seed packets. We started some of the seeds in our admin office windows and they are thriving!! We planned to offer the seeds and seedlings to interested customers but then thought, wouldn't it be nice to also offer a community garden that could be used to teach and provide another source of nutritious food. I wrote to Vego Garden who makes beautiful galvanized raised beds and was surprised and delighted to learn that Vego Garden is sending us three raised beds for our garden which will be located behind our administrative Head Start office in Albion. There is one more happy surprise in this story (and there will surely be more) I just learned that an anonymous donor has procured the soil that we need to fill the gardens. Many staff and family members have also contributed in a variety of ways and this will continue as our garden grows and thrives! Anyone who is willing to volunteer to water, weed, etc., is welcome! Stay tuned for more photos!

The Albion Masonic Lodge is presenting a chicken barbecue on June 17th which will benefit our Emergency Services program. We ask that all employees attempt to sell tickets to ensure the event is a success. We understand this may be difficult in Genesee county but perhaps there will be groups of people that would be interested in doing a bulk pickup. Tickets are \$15 each. If you need tickets, please contact Nikki Targa at ntarga@caoginc.org. Remember, this is the Saturday that follows our annual in-service event.

As a reminder, this year our Annual In-Service program will take place on June 16th. The theme will be "Helping People, Changing Lives -celebrating the way we change and evolve to meet the needs of the community". The event will be held at the Albion Elks Lodge. I will spend some time to talk about the changes we have undergone and to recognize the courage and fortitude demonstrated by our team. We will hear success stories from team members throughout the day. Our special guest speaker will be former State Assembly Member, Charlie Nesbitt. Tom Costa, our new CFO, will spend some time talking about our new finance system and department structure. Throughout the day we will hear music selections which focus on positive change and strength in navigating change. It is sure to be a fun and informative day!

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Community Action Team! You all make Genesee and Orleans County a better place to live.

Be Part of the Solution *Renée*





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Sunny Lin

Sunny joined Head Start last fall as a substitute / floater. And, yes, Sunny has fulfilled her responsibilities in the position but she has also done so much more. Each and every day, she greets each staff person and child with her contagious smile. As Sunny "floats" in and out of each of the classrooms, she makes it a point to connect with and get to know each of the children individually rather than waiting out the time until she goes to the next room. She has also stepped up to cover absences and vacancies. When this happens, Sunny truly does "step up" and partners equally with the other staff. She contributes ideas to planning, actively engages children in learning and addresses concerns / needs of children without needing direction. Outside of the classroom, Sunny can often be found emptying garbage, mopping, vacuuming, riding the bus as a monitor, etc. She seems to never sit still! She has been an essential part of the team in Batavia since she has begun here. Her name certainly matches the positive person she is and delight she brings to each classroom, everyday. This past month we have been especially short staffed, with many lead teachers/teachers out. Sunny has filled in, in each classroom, taking on the role of teacher and lead teacher when needed. She is able to recognize each classrooms needs, routine, and individual children's needs throughout the center to provide the best continuity of care. In Head Start this is so important. It is apparent that children thrive on routine, and the comfort of a familiar face. Sunny provides this when a loved teacher is out for the day. Sunny not only takes on the roles of teachers/lead teachers she also has assisted in cleaning classrooms and been bus monitor. Her ability to conform to the needs of the center in this time of short staffing and conform to such important roles at any given time puts her above and beyond what is expected.

Charity Motorcycle Run

Saturday July 8, 2023

Benefits

Community Action of Orleans & Genesee

Holiday Toys & Emergency Assistance in both Orleans & Genesee Counties

Registration
10:30 – 1130
@ Stan's

\$20 per bike
\$10 for a rider



Kickstands up
at 12:00

Raffle Tickets
50/50
Food
Music

Run begins @ Stan's Harley-Davidson
4425 W. Saile Dr Batavia, NY

Run ends at Brockport Elk's Lodge
4400 Sweden Walker Rd Brockport, NY



Years of Service at Community Action

Month of Celebration

4 years of Service-Linsey Vallett-Infant Toddler Specialist with CCR&R

Jan Albanese - 27 years
Good Morning, and Happy May Day!! I have been with the Early Head Start Home Based Program of CAOG since August of 2000, so going on three years at the end of the summer. I am so happy to be a part of this organization!! - Cara Wachob

Cassandra Kinne - 10 years, and 3 years before that!

Stacie Graton - 10 years this July :-)

Christy Robertson - 15 years in August

Laura Grose - 4 years Leadership in August, 12 years prior as an Advocate

Renee Hungerford 2.5 years

Katrina Chaffee - In August it will be 10 years!

Cathy Brien- 28 Years! Started working at Community Action in 1995 in the Fiscal Department. Then worked for CATS in addition to Fiscal. I have been working for our wonderful Weatherization Program since 1999. 🙌

Alishia Foss- March was my 1 year with CCR&R!

Margie Davies- August will be starting of 25yrs! Working with Head Start Children.

Christina DeBoard
In September I will be starting 7 years.

The first 30 years was so easy and so much fun. The last 6+ have been very hard for so many reasons. So yuppers, 30+ and still trying. - Jim Soccio AKA Soan 🙌😊



May 9th - Praise A Child

PRaise A CHILD DAY! Dignity makes me smile every single time I am with her... You're proud of the beautiful & smart girl she has become.

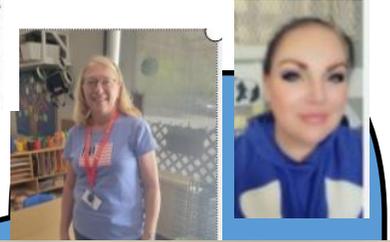
Prise is my oldest daughter. Making the annual law education in a class that had with her, generating 200+ projects each year!! She is very active in the community. She is a member of the American Girl Club and has been a member of the Girl Scouts since she was 10. - Phyllis Robinson



Community Action - May 2022 - Month of Celebration

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Calendar activities include: 'This week post your years of service to the Agency', 'Get ready to take pics of coworkers', 'wear RED post pics', 'May 4th Be Web You', 'Cacio De Mayo', 'Kestucky Derby', 'Praise a Child', 'wear BLUE post pics', 'This week email someone in your field', 'Mother's Day', 'This week email someone in your field and thank them for what they do', 'International Day of Living Together in Peace', 'wear RED post pics', 'Post a pic of a pet you love', '30 Days Left! Summer!', 'There's a whole world in there waiting out country', 'Listen and appreciate an elder', 'Complete a random act of kindness at work', 'Post a pic of your work desk', 'wear BLUE post pics', 'Are you ready for a 3-day weekend?', 'Fly a flag for us!', 'Remember someone who has departed during our country', 'Memorial Day', 'Email someone in administration and thank them for what they do', 'wear RED post pics', 'can be posted in Teams. Click on Month Team, click on the top, then draw, type, or drop under the appropriate is waiting for you.'



Congratulations!



58 YEARS OF HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THRIVE

SURPRISE!! May 18th - 58 Years!!

Office of Head Start



Since 1965, Head Start programs have impacted the lives of millions of children and families.

Wearing RED



Month of Celebration - May 2023 - Month of Celebration						
Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Wearing BLUE



Month of Celebration





Day of Caring 2023: Volunteers from UMMC came to Community Action of Orleans and Genesee (Batavia Site) on the beautiful day of May 11th. While on site Volunteers made our outdoor spaces look fantastic! Volunteers painted the playground structure, mulched, weeded and made two new flower beds! It was so wonderful seeing these ladies getting dirty for a good cause!



THANK YOU!

Batavia/Case Management

147 people attended our **Spring Cleaning** event. Thank you to all who made it a possibility!

Volunteers Needed!

Helping People.
Changing Lives.

Join us in sharing kindness to others!

Help provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become more self-sufficient.

Scan this code to open our page!

We need your help with tasks such as answering phones, packing food boxes, light office cleaning, and sorting donations.

**5073 Clinton Street
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 343-7798**

For more information, contact at Ext 114 or ddodge@caoginc.org



LYNDONVILLE RESOURCE FAIR

May 4, 2023

Lyndonville
Presbyterian Church
hosted our first ever
Mobile Resource Fair

HOLLEY RESOURCE FAIR

May 18, 2023

Representatives
from 15 different
agencies came out
to the event hosted
by our friends at
the Holley Fire
Department



Emergency Services/Case Management

Albion Emergency Services and Case Management

ITEMS WE NEED

shampoo
conditioner
paper towel
toilet paper
charcoal

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!



POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

May 8, 2023

156 households were served by a record-breaking 22 volunteers!

SAT
6/17
12PM - GONE



Mason's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
Main Street Store Parking Lot
Proceeds to benefit Albion Food Pantry

\$15 Tickets at Main Office, Toyz n Candy & Arnolds Auto Parts



GOT SEEDLINGS?

We do! Stop by the Main Office to pick up **FREE** vegetable seedlings to help start your own vegetable garden!
Lettuce, cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes, onion, kale, eggplant, cabbage, summer squash, peppers, chives, okra - we have it all!

CALL FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

*Do you or a loved one have a green thumb? If so, send them our way! Thanks to a generous donation of 3 raised garden beds from our friends at **Vego Gardens**, we be starting a community garden in Albion this June.*



Income-eligible students who attend the Albion School District can sign up for our Summer Lunch Package program, Call 589-5605 for additional information.

Eastern Orleans Community Center

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Chef Salad</i> <i>Garlic Bread</i> <i>Fruit Salad</i> <i>Cup cakes</i>	2 <i>Shepherds Pie</i> <i>Biscuits</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Cake</i>	3
4	5 <i>Chicken Stuffing</i> <i>Bake</i> <i>Garden Salad</i> <i>Peaches</i>	6 <i>Roast Beef—</i> <i>Sandwich</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Pears</i>	7 <i>Meatloaf</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Corn/Carrots</i> <i>Biscuits</i>	8 <i>Ham Sandwich</i> <i>Soup</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Peaches</i>	9 <i>Fish Sandwich</i> <i>French Fries</i> <i>Cole Slaw</i> <i>Applesauce</i>	10
11	12 <i>Hot Turkey</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Corn/Carrots</i> <i>Cake</i>	13 <i>Egg Salad Sand-</i> <i>wich</i> <i>Soup</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Cookies</i>	14 <i>Debbie’s B-day</i> <i>Spanish Rice</i> <i>Garden Salad</i> <i>Garlic Bread</i> <i>Peaches</i>	15 <i>Chicken Salad</i> <i>Sandwich</i> <i>Soup</i> <i>Chips</i>	16 <i>Staff Inservice</i> <i>Center</i> <i>Closed</i>	17
18 <i>Father’s Day</i>	19 <i>Father’s Day</i> <i>Cheese Burgers</i> <i>French Fries</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Applesauce</i>	20 <i>Grilled Cheese</i> <i>Tomato Soup</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Cookies</i>	21 <i>Chef Salad</i> <i>Fruit Salad</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Pie</i>	22 <i>Tomato Sand-</i> <i>wich</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Peaches</i>	23 <i>BBQ Chicken</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Biscuits</i> <i>Cake</i>	24
25	26 <i>Spaghetti &</i> <i>Broccoli</i> <i>Garden Salad</i> <i>Garlic Bread</i> <i>Peaches</i>	27 <i>Hot Dog /Bun</i> <i>Mac Salad</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Cake</i>	28 <i>Spaghetti/ Meat</i> <i>Sauce</i> <i>Garlic Bread</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Pears</i>	29 <i>Tacos</i> <i>Refried Beans</i> <i>Nacho Chips</i>	30 <i>Baked Chicken</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Corn/Carrots</i> <i>Biscuits</i> <i>Pie</i>	

6/2 Stone Soup Class
6/5 Health Living Class
6/9 Fire Dept. Blood Pressure Checks
6/19 Father’s Day Meal

Exercise Class
Tuesday & Thursday
10 am

6/20 Genesee 3 Entertains
6/23 Stone Soup Class
6/28 Snap Ed
6/30 Stone Soup Class

75 Public Square / PO Box 206
 Holley NY 14477
 585-638-6395

Milk, coffee or water provided with meals
 A \$2.00 donation is appreciated but not
 required.
 Menu is subject to change due to availability
 of supplies.



Reminders:

Community Action staff get 30% off when coming to the store

Perfect Attendance recipients receive \$15 off one purchase when coming to the store during the month they are mentioned in the newsletter.

****PLEASE LET THE STAFF MEMBER AT THE REGISTER KNOW WHEN YOU PLAN ON USING THESE DISCOUNTS!****

Prom Dress Event Update: **THE EVENT WAS A SUCCESS!** We received **MANY** dresses and were able to provide almost 30 dresses to girls in need. We plan on continuing this event for next year and hope to continue working to make it better and better. We appreciate all of the help and support from our volunteers and everyone who donated to help make this happen! **THANK YOU!**



Main Street Thrifts Gifts & More

June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Dress Pants/ Slacks/ Work pants .99 each	BOGO Shoes	Jewelry 50% off Handbags 50% off
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			All shirts .99 each	Furniture 60% off	Photos, Frames, paintings .50 each	BOGO Single dishes
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Small Appliances 30% off	Knick-Knacks 50% off	Store Closed for Inservice	Fill a bag Mixed Media \$5
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Puzzles, board games .25 each	Fill a bag Kids Clothes \$5	Fill a bag Adult clothing \$5	Lighting fixtures, lamps 50% off
25	26	27	28	29	30	
			Office Supplies 30% off (whatever you could need for the office)	Miscellaneous section 50% off	Stemware .50 each	