

January 2021 Newsletter

Greetings!

The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about our successes and struggles as we serve a Gateway to Community Action in Partnership with others for everyone's benefit!

Agency Mission And CAP Promise

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

CAP Promise: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Gateway Operated New Code Blue Warming Center On Martin Luther King Day

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 18, 2021), Gateway served the homeless at our New Warming Center on our River's Edge Campus with a hot meal and warm place to lay their heads. Each Code Blue participant received \$5.00 to take the Covid-19 test in an effort to do our part in stopping the spread on the streets.



"THERE IS
NOTHING NEW
ABOUT POVERTY.
WHAT IS NEW,
HOWEVER, IS THAT
WE HAVE THE
RESOURCES TO
GET RID OF IT."

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Atlantic City Food Distribution Event Held On Martin Luther King Day Weekend



In the spirit of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Gateway held "The Need To Feed The Community" food distribution event on the Saturday before Martin Luther King Day.

Penns Grove Early Head Start Brings The Winter Fun Indoors



Children at Penns Grove Early Head Start enjoy participating in a "Winter Sports" activity with their very own indoor ice skating rink.

Custis Is Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland Counties Tutor Of The Year For 2020

Yvonne Custis is the Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland counties 2020 Tutor of the Year. Custis is the 10th recipient of this award, and is the daughter of Kim Hall, our first Tutor of the Year. Custis received the honor at the program's virtual Tutor Appreciation and Holiday Party event in December. Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland is a Gateway program.

"Yvonne has tutored with us since 2014 and has been a consistent contributor throughout her time with us," said Laura Stanton, Gateway's Director of Literacy Services. "Yvonne worked with one learner for more than four years and has helped both Basic Literacy and ESL students. She is also helping her current student work towards her goal of citizenship. Her concern for her learner goes beyond tutoring." Stanton said when Covid-19 hit her learner's family, Yvonne donated groceries and even delivered them to her house.

"Yvonne takes her volunteer commitment very seriously and frequently goes above and beyond what one expects from a volunteer," Stanton said. "She has been an asset to the program since the day she joined."

Congratulations also go out to Yvonna Martin, the program's Rookie of the Year. Yvonna trained online this past summer and has already helped present a tutor in-service in addition to tutoring.

Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland always takes the opportunity at Tutor Appreciation to recognize those who go above and beyond the expectations for our

volunteers. Stanton said she appreciates any amount of time her volunteers put into tutoring, but wanted to give a special mention to the tutors who logged a minimum of 40 hours of tutoring in the 2019-20 calendar year. Many thanks to: Yvonne Crouch – 44 hours, Sharon Davis – 48 hours, Rick Bacon – 50 hours, Yvonne Custis – 62.5 hours, and Maria Cortez-Gallagher – 68 hours.

Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland is currently offering free online tutoring for adults who struggle with reading, writing or speaking English. Online Beginning English classes are held Monday and Friday evenings. Volunteers are always welcome, and online Tutor Training is also available. If you would like to get involved, or need more information, contact Laura Stanton at 856-497-6645 or literacy@gatewaycap.org. For Spanish, contact Rosario Trejo-Mendiola at 856-497-6759 or rtrejo-mendiola@gatewaycap.org.

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Welcome To Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Brenda Mahecha, Program Nutritionist
Lawrence Brewer, Code Blue Assistant
Tyanne Anderson, Code Blue Assistant
James Suggs, Code Blue Assistant
Delry Williams, Code Blue Assistant
Jarraya White, Code Blue Assistant

Nicole Kobryn, Therapist
Lynn Morenobuckmon, Counselor
Kathy Amigon Mendieta, Sub Teacher Assistant

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