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## June 2021 Newsletter

Hello Gene,

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 Gateway Community Action Partnership and our impact in our communities.

### 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.

### Foster Grandparent Volunteers Celebrated In Events At Adventure Aquarium And Seaview



Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO,  
thanks the Foster Grandparents for their service.



Edward Bethea, Gateway's Executive VP and COO,  
with Barbara Pfeiffer from Camden County.



This year we celebrated our Foster Grandparent volunteers for their end of the year recognition event on two different dates and locations for easy accessibility to accommodate the different areas we serve. Our theme this year was, "The Year Technology was our Thread." We wanted to celebrate our volunteers who have continued in the program despite the many challenges we all faced with the pandemic. The events were at the Adventure Aquarium in Camden and the Seaview resort in Galloway Township. Amidst the different ways our team maintained communication with our

volunteers throughout the last year, our volunteers learned how to use ZOOM and their tablets to connect weekly and monthly for virtual meetings with our staff. It was important for us to highlight our volunteers for being part of closing the generational digital divide. As part of our recognition, our volunteers received gift cards and some gear with the new AmeriCorps brand logo, which included bags, vaccine card holders, masks and polo t-shirts.

-Natalia Uribe, Foster Grandparent Program Lead Program Director



Foster Grandparents at Event at Seaview resort in Galloway Township.

## Gateway Thanks VP Mike Cudemo For 28 Years Of Service

Mike Cudemo, Gateway's Vice President of Planning and an agency employee for more than 28 years, is retiring effective July 9. Gateway's administration and staff wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his years of service.

Planning Department inquiries may be directed to Gene Vernacchio, Director of Grant Development, at (856) 497-6654 or e-mail at [gvernacchio@gatewaycap.org](mailto:gvernacchio@gatewaycap.org). Cudemo may be contacted after July 9, 2021 at [michael.cudemo@comcast.net](mailto:michael.cudemo@comcast.net)

### Gateway Helps Families With Distribution Of Food



Each month, Gateway Community Action Partnership's Emergency Food Assistance program distributes food to households experiencing food insecurity. Located in Bridgeton, the Gleaning and Food Distribution Center opens on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the last week of each month to provide essential food items to those in need. This can include eggs, dairy, meat, snacks, and grains, as well as fresh produce from Gateway's Mill Creek Urban Farm nearby. The Gleaning and Food Distribution Center has a warehouse to store food items. Employees and volunteers work hard to organize, pack, and distribute the food.

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## **New Jersey State Troopers Volunteer To Help Those In Need By Serving At Gateway's Food Pantry In Bridgeton**

The New Jersey State Police, as part of its Outreach Unit activities in the community, volunteered to help those in need by loading food from Gateway's food pantry in Bridgeton into cars Friday. Gateway thanks Trooper Dianna Wamsher, Trooper Brandon Todaro, and Trooper Mariano Kieling for their service to the community.



**From left, Trooper Dianna Wamsher; Gateway's Marcus Weaver, the Director of Agriculture and Food Initiatives; Trooper Mariano Kieling and Trooper Brandon Todaro.**



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## Twin Rivers Head Start Children Cool Off In The Sprinklers



Children at Twin Rivers Head Start had a blast with some water activities for their last day of the Summer Program.

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## Gateway Head Start Early Education Center In Unity In The Community Parade In AC

Gateway Head Start Early Education Center took part in the Unity in The Community parade in Atlantic City on Saturday, June 26. Follow the link below for more details and photos from the event!



## 2021 Gateway Golf Classic Set For August 30 At Little Mill

Gateway Community Action Partnership will be holding its seventh annual Gateway Golf Classic on August 30 at Little Mill Country Club, a private golf club in Marlton. Sponsorships are still available. Please click the link below to register or to get more information.

[Click Here For Gateway Golf Classic Registration And Information](#)

## Join Us For The CAP Jazz Fest on September 18!

The poster for the CAP Jazz Fest features the Hard Rock Hotel &amp; Casino Atlantic City logo at the top left. The date "SATURDAY SEPT. 18, 2021" is listed below it. The main text on the left side lists the performers: DAVID SANBORN, MAYSA, ROY AYERS, DOWNTOTHEBONE, CAMILLE THURMAN, &amp; DARRELL GREEN TRIO. The right side of the poster shows a group photo of the artists, including David Sanborn, Maysa, Roy Ayers, Camille Thurman, and members of the Darrell Green Trio. The background features a stage setup with lights and the Hard Rock logo. Logos for OCEAN, Inc. and HOPES are at the bottom left, and the Gateway Community Action Partnership logo is at the bottom right.

Gateway Community Action Partnership is partnering with two other CAP agencies - O.C.E.A.N. Inc. and HOPES - to host the CAP Jazz Fest on September 18 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. The event will feature Maysa, David Sanborn, Camille Thurman, and the Darrell Green Trio. Click the link below for more information.

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### **Welcome To Gateway CAP's New Hires!**

**Fernanda Lopez Flores, Early Head Start  
Stephanie Beckett, EHS CCC Family Resource Associate**

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