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## March 2022 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.

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## New Jersey State Troopers Join Gateway In Distributing Food And Clothing To Local Residents

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New Jersey State Troopers joined Gateway's team at the Gleaning and Food Distribution Center on 65 Manheim Avenue in Bridgeton to distribute food and clothing to local residents. Also volunteering to assist in the distribution were Gateway's Executive Vice President and COO, Edward Bethea and Resource Coordinator Sabrina T. Simpkins. About 500 articles of clothing were distributed.

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## Executive Vice President and COO Edward Bethea Reads To Students For Read Across America Week

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Gateway's Executive Vice President and COO Edward Bethea visited Broad Street School in Bridgeton as a guest reader for Read Across America week, which took place from February 28 through March 4.

## Twin Rivers Head Start Kicks Off Read Across America Week With A Crazy Day Parade



Children and staff from Twin Rivers Head Start marched in a "Crazy Day" parade sporting the "Cat in The Hat" accessories they made in the classroom. The parade took place as a celebration for Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America week.

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## JFCS Distributes 35 Bags Of Food To Twin Rivers Head Start Families

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JFCS (Jewish Family & Children Services) of Greater Mercer County's food truck, Poppy's Pantry, visited the Twin Rivers center to distribute 35 bags of food to the Head Start families. The bags contained a variety of canned foods, pasta, vegetables, chicken or fish, apple sauce, cereal, and other items.

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## Party City of Millville Donates A Second Round Of Party Items To Gateway's Family Success Centers

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**Party City of Millville donated an additional 150 boxes of items to Gateway's Family Success Centers. After the items were sorted and distributed to the centers, multiple outside organizations were invited to pick up some of the remaining donations.**

**Recipients of the donated items included teachers, the principal and staff of a local elementary school, two local churches, and a youth group. The remaining Party City donations are being housed at the Happy Cheeks Diaper Bank located at 65 Manheim Avenue in Bridgeton.**

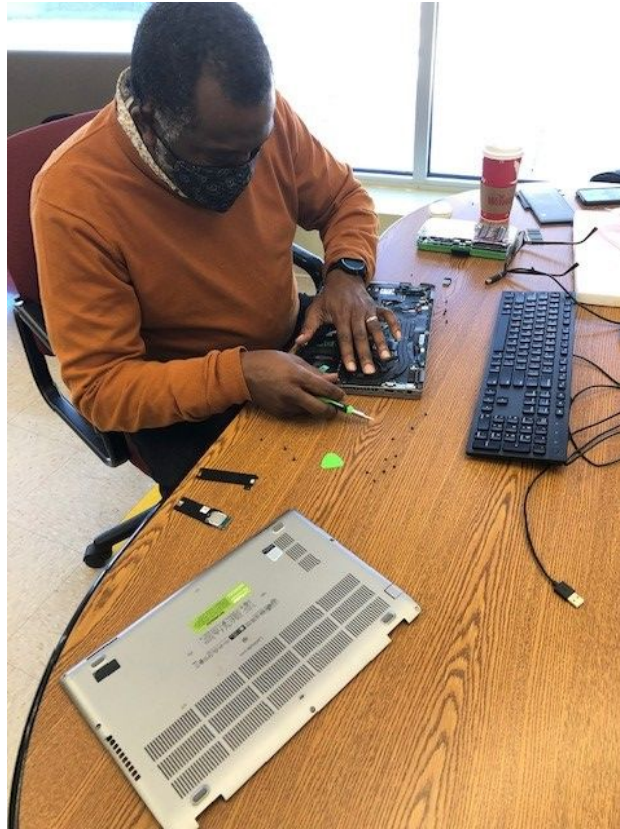
**Using the generous donation from Party City of Millville, Resource Coordinator Sabrina T. Simpkins assembled and distributed a few "Party Packs" to local families in need of some financial help for their children's birthdays. Party decorations can be very costly, and these "Party Packs" will help parents and caregivers offset some of the expense. Each pack, ranging from \$100 to \$250 worth of items, represents different party themes. The "Party Packs" are not just for children, however, as the donations include items for all ages and celebrations such as weddings, baby showers, and other special occasions.**

**Moving forward, the "Party Packs" can be requested through and picked up at one of Gateway's Family Success Centers: Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center, Holly City Family Success Center of Millville, or Salem Family Success Center.**

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## Gateway's Network Administrator Andre Jones Brings Computer Back To Life

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**When Health Service Coordinator Tauheedah Abdulla's computer stopped working, Gateway's Network Administrator, Andre Jones came to the rescue. He was able to successfully fix the problem by taking the computer apart and reconstructing it. Gateway thanks Andre for all of his hard work and dedication to keep our network running smoothly.**

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You can support Gateway's mission "to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency" while shopping at Amazon's "AmazonSmile." Please click on the link below the next time you shop. More information about the program follows the link. Thank you.

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find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Gateway.

**How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply click on the link above or go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

**Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?**

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

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Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

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## Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

**Kelly Perez-Martinez, Sub Teacher Assistant**  
**Rhonda Daley, Lactation Consultant**  
**Achanty Colon, WIC Clerk/ Peer Consultant**  
**Shunana McFarlande, HEA/ USF Technician**  
**Paul Trout, Code Blue Assistant**  
**Nadine Downing, Counselor**  
**Latoya Andrews, EHS Group Teacher**  
**Alyssa Matz, EHS Teacher Assistant**  
**Azuree McLean, EHS Family Advocate**  
**Angel Slaughter, Teacher Assistant**  
**Reginale Hathaway-Guion, HS Group Teacher**  
**Adilene Tapia Huerta, EHS Group Teacher In Training**  
**Miranda Matuson, Sub Teacher Assistant**  
**Brookli Potts, Teacher Assistant**  
**Marie Maldonado, Family Advocate**  
**Rosanny Duran, WIC Clerk**

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