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October 2023 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.

Gateway's Carolyn Robinson Receives Region II Head Start Innovation Award



Gateway's Carolyn Robinson was presented with the Region II Head Start Innovation Award on October 18 at the Region II Professional Development Conference.

Carolyn Robinson has dedicated much of her life and career to Gateway's Head Start. Beginning her path as a Head Start parent, she eventually became the presiding officer of the Policy Council. Carolyn has always been excellent at problem-solving as a result of her experience as a Head Start parent herself. Rising through the ranks, she now holds the title of Gateway Community Action Partnership Community Service Manager and the Supervisor for the County Council for Young Children. Carolyn has served in many planning board positions for the New Jersey Head Start Association Conference and other similar boards throughout New Jersey. It is Carolyn's out-of-the-box progressive thinking that has allowed her to be both a contributor and a catalyst for many parent training sessions and events.

When it comes to recruitment, Carolyn has worked non-stop. Even after hours she can be found in the community reaching out to help families enroll in Head Start. As a mentor, Carolyn has a unique style that empowers the mentee to want to reach for more. Carolyn's support goes beyond the call of work, and her genuine passion for Head Start shows. She leads by example and puts her words into action.

“Carolyn, having been a Head Start parent herself, has done much to grow our parents, supporting the belief that parents are a child’s first teacher,” said Bonnie Eggenburg, CCAP, Vice President Gateway Early Head Start and Head Start Program. “She has been a role model to her own family as well as to our Gateway family.”

“Ms. Carolyn displays the ability to lead her colleagues to get all assignments done in a timely fashion,” Male Initiative Coordinator for Gateway HS/EHS Michael Cupeles wrote in his letter for Carolyn’s nomination. “No matter how difficult the assignments are, she motivates us to collaborate together as a team and be creative in solving the issues at hand.”

Pictured: Carolyn Robinson, Gateway Community Action Partnership Community Service Manager and Supervisor for the County Council for Young Children; Bonnie Eggenburg, CCAP, Vice President Gateway Early Head Start and Head Start Program

Gateway Hosts Breakfast To Present NRTC Program To Partners And Local Businesses

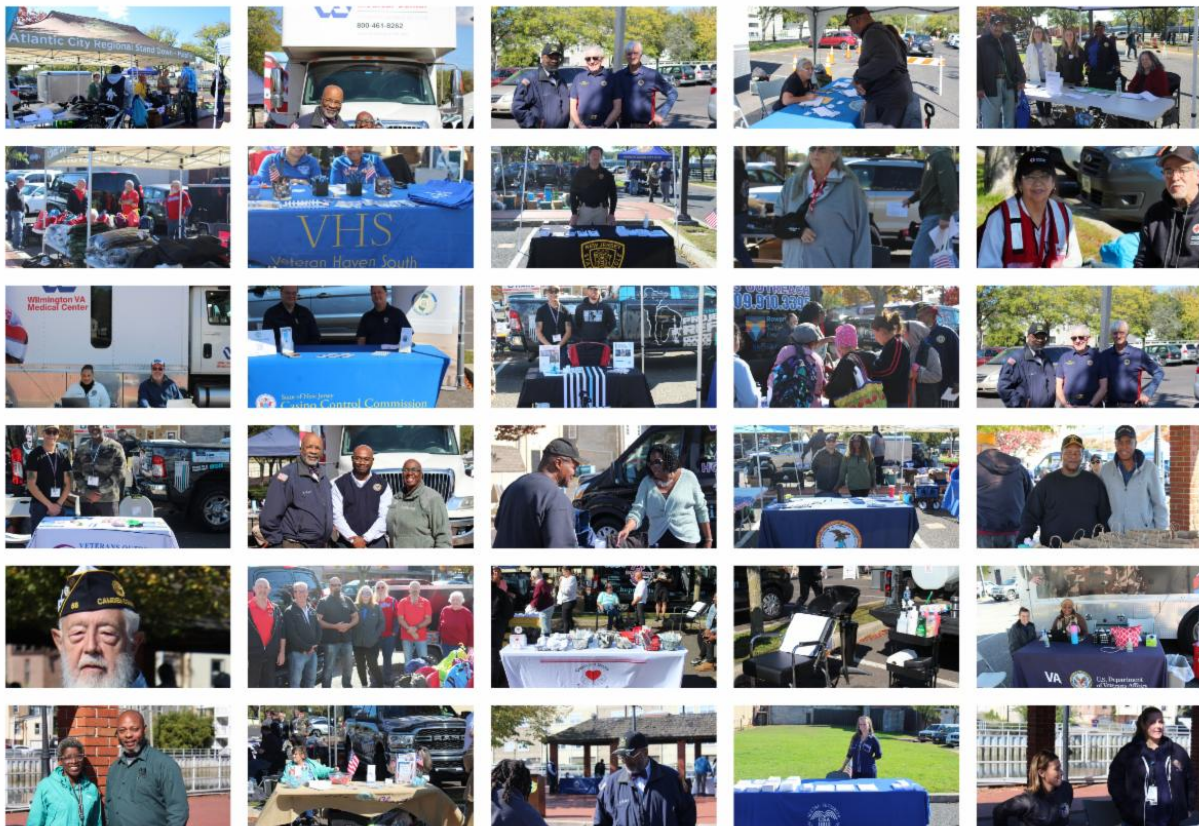


On October 23, Gateway welcomed partners and local businesses to the Marino Center in Bridgeton to learn more about the agency's housing development and the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Program. The agenda included remarks from Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway Community Action Partnership; Ed Bethea, Executive Vice President and COO; and a presentation by Tracey Harris, Gateway Housing and Community Development Manager. The presentation included an overview of Gateway's development work, including plans for new single-family homes for first-time homebuyers in the Southeast Gateway (SEG) neighborhood, and NRTC. NRTC is a Department of Community Affairs program that offers businesses tax credit for supporting Gateway's housing and economic development initiatives.

During the event, Kelly presented Bethea with a Leading Neighborhood Revitalization Partnership Award, awarded by the Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development to Eastern Pacific Development for our partnership in the River Grove Apartments project.

Other speakers included Susan Catlett, NRTC Program Manager, Esaul Martin, Southeast Gateway Coordinator, and Mae Woodley, Program Lead at the Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center. Partners in attendance included Donovan Architects, which has been working diligently with Gateway to design the plans for the new townhomes, and John Restrepo, President of Restrepo Associates and consultant on this housing project. Businesses interested in supporting Gateway's housing and economic development programs through NRTC can contact Tracey Harris at tharris@gatewaycap.org or (856) 497-6610.

Gateway Takes Part In South Jersey Regional Stand Down Event For Veterans



Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway Community Action Partnership, participated in the South Jersey Regional Stand Down Event for Veterans at the Riverfront in Bridgeton on October 18. He encouraged the continuous efforts to provide care and services for local veterans. Patricia Tatum, President and Founder of the South Jersey Regional Veterans Association, expounded on her efforts for collaboration and keeping the now 501 (c3) agency on the map by serving all veterans, including homeless and at-risk. The event was attended by various veteran associations throughout South Jersey and Delaware. Services represented include: VA medical, mental health, benefits, claims, housing, employment, clothing and personal care product giveaways, food, and more.

Hamilton 1 Head Start Enjoys Fall Festivities At Styer Orchard



Hamilton 1 Head Start students took a fun and educational field trip to Styer Orchard on Friday, October 13. The children learned about fall crops and had the chance to pick their own apples, pumpkins, and gourds. The beautiful weather and the helpful volunteers set the tone for a wonderful day of fall activities.

Brand New Playground Equipment Installed At Gateway's Williamstown II Head Start



Gateway's Head Start and Early Head Start programs promote health and wellness for enrolled children and their families. Williamstown II Head Start received brand new playground equipment this month to keep the children moving as they learn.

Firefighters Visit Hamilton 1 Head Start During Fire Prevention Week



Hamilton 1 Head Start students learned about fire safety during fire prevention week. The children were so excited to meet firefighters from Rusling Hose fire company and thank them for their service.

SEG Takes Part In Successful Job And Resource Fair



Southeast Gateway partnered with the ALMS Center in Bridgeton and 40 other vendors to host a job and resource fair on October 11. The event had a great turnout, with more than 76 applicants in attendance.

**Join Our Salem County Gateway Wellness Center Staff
For Brunch On October 31**

Domestic Violence Awareness Brunch



Join us for an impactful Domestic Violence Awareness Brunch, a gathering dedicated to spreading awareness and support for families affected by domestic violence. Come and bring a friend as we come together to learn, share, and stand in solidarity against domestic violence. Together, we can make a difference.

Date:

Oct. 31 st

Time:

11:00am-1:30pm

Location:

Salem Family Success Center
14 New Market St, Salem,
NJ 08079

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Meet our Gateway Wellness Center staff in Salem County and join us as we introduce our Domestic Violence Abuse Intervention Programs to the community.
Register for brunch by October 25 through the link below!

[Register Here](#)

Gateway Participates In Atlantic City Health Fair



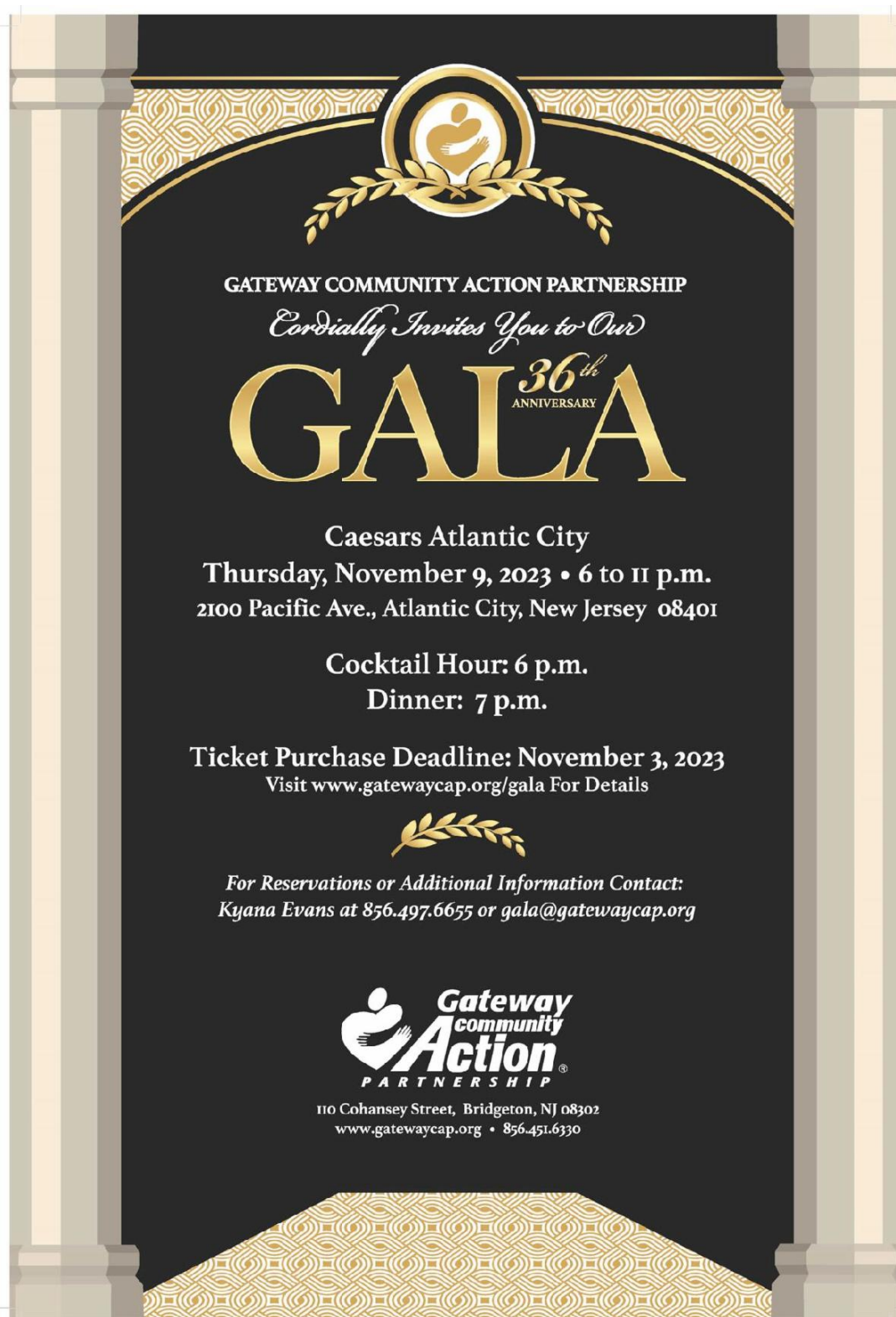
Gateway attended CareSparc's Village Fest health fair in Atlantic City to present information on some of our programs such as Foster Grandparents and Head Start/Early Head Start and how they tie into the health and wellness of those we serve.

Twin Rivers Head Start Staff Participate In Training Sessions On Child Abuse Prevention And Fire Safety



On October 6, Gateway's Twin Rivers Head Start center held two trainings for staff. The first training was NJ Child Abuse Prevention with Ms. Patty Melendez to prepare staff to conduct the program with the children on October 24, 25, and 26. The second training was presented by the Fire Department about how and when to use the fire extinguishers on site.

Join Us For Our 36th Anniversary Gala This November



Gateway Community Action Partnership is hosting our 36th Anniversary Gala on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at Caesars Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. We hope you will be part of this year's celebration!

For information on ticket purchases, please contact Kyana Evans at (856) 497-6655.

The photos shown below were taken at our 2022 Gala.







Gateway's Family Success Centers Host Monthly Happy Cheeks Diaper Giveaway Events



Gateway's Family Success Centers in Bridgeton, Millville, and Salem participate in the Happy Cheeks Diaper Bank program, hosting monthly diaper and wipe giveaways for eligible families with the various items collected.

South Jersey Transportation And Planning Organization (SJTPO) Wants To Hear From You!

Do you live in, work in, or frequent South Jersey? The South Jersey Transportation and Planning Organization (SJTPO) wants to hear from you! As SJTPO develops their plan for transit investments in our area, they're conducting a survey on community priorities, goals, and concerns around transportation. Fill out the quick survey linked here <https://www.sj-scenarioplanning.com/survey> and receive a chance to win one of four \$100 digital gift cards.

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Timothy Slack, Program Nutritionist
Tyaun Wilmore, Gateway Scholars
Jaleeyah Saunders, Prevention Specialist
Marissa Ortiz, Clinical Assistant
Saffronia Davis-Robinson, Sub Teacher Assistant
Franchesca Garcia Lopez, EHS Teacher
Leidy Reyes Dorrejo, Floating EHS Teacher
Harriette Gbayee, Food Service Worker
Sharde Ragland, EHS Teacher
Briana Livingston, Sub Teacher Assistant
Meralis Ibarra, Sub Teacher Assistant

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