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October 2024 Newsletter

Hello,

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.

Spruce Fields Groundbreaking Ceremony



On October 3, Gateway Community Action Partnership celebrated the groundbreaking of the Spruce Fields Homes Development in Bridgeton's Southeast Gateway (SEG) Neighborhood.

This project will mark the construction of five new residences aimed at improving the community's quality of life and promoting self-sufficiency.

Edward Bethea, CCAP, Executive Vice President and COO, welcomed attendees and recognized key contributors, including Gateway's Housing Director Jonathan Burdzy, consultant John Restrepo, Donovan Architects, and Nocentino Homes. Ivy Melendez, Executive Director of the Bridgeton Housing Authority, also spoke. Lorissa Luciani from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs highlighted the impact of small-scale projects like Spruce Fields.

Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, and Gateway's President and CEO, expressed gratitude for his team's efforts and detailed Gateway's \$200 million investment in housing since 1992. He emphasized the need for quality affordable housing in Bridgeton.

Betha announced that the Spruce Fields homes will be completed in early 2025, with prices between \$100,000 and \$120,000. The homes will feature three bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and modern amenities. He concluded with a commitment to dignity in affordable housing, mentioning additional future projects: Wiley Acres, Pine Estates, and Sharp Meadows.

For more information go to sales@gatewaycap.org OR call 856 451 6330

New Volunteers At Gateway's Food Distribution Center



The September food distribution at Manheim Avenue welcomed several new volunteers eager to give back and engage with the community. Marcus Weaver, Gateway's Director of Agriculture & Food Initiatives, oversees the food bank, and Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO (top left), were joined by Darron Tiggett and Tauhidah Thompson from our Information Technology Department (top middle, from left). Pastor Lou (bottom right) and his team from Church By The Bay were also present, along with other volunteers who consistently lend their support whenever possible.

Partner Of The Month Spotlight



Our Partner of the Month for November 2024 is Greenlane Contractors
We thank Greenlane Contractors for all its generous contributions to
Gateway CAP

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is thankful for the generous support from Greenlane Contractors. Greenlane Contractors' commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a fine example for other organizations. Such philanthropic efforts are vital for the betterment of society, and their support will greatly enhance our initiatives. We offer our sincere gratitude for their exceptional support and extraordinary kindness.

Fire Prevention Week At Twin Rivers Head Start



The East Windsor Firefighters visited the Twin Rivers Head Start Center on October 10. They talked to the children about fire prevention, and showed them the fire truck and all the tools they use during a fire. A firefighter demonstrated how to put on the special gear and gave hats to the children to play pretend firefighters.

Gateway CAP's Foster Grandparent Program Celebrates 66,988 Hours of Service and Honored Volunteers



Gateway Community Action Partnership's (CAP) Foster Grandparent Volunteers are making a significant impact by transforming lives and strengthening communities. From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, 65 dedicated volunteers across Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem counties contributed an impressive 66,988 hours of service to uplift children with exceptional needs. At a recent ceremony, these volunteers were recognized for their tireless efforts, with special acknowledgment given to 34 individuals who each contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours.

The Foster Grandparents program, part of AmeriCorps Senior Volunteer, supports students' academic achievement for infants and children with exceptional needs.

"The program connects role models with young people who need them most," said Natalia Uribe-Netufo, Lead Director of Gateway CAP Foster Grandparent Program. These volunteers make a considerable impact, benefiting both the children and the broader community.

The initiative fosters new relationships and addresses critical gaps in educational services.

Bonnie Eggenburg, Vice President of Gateway Early Head Start and Head Start Program, emphasized, "Without their support, we would need to increase our budget or cut services."

Gateway celebrated its top volunteers with luncheons in Deptford and Ventnor, NJ. The Foster Grandparent Program matches seniors with children based on needs and location, creating meaningful connections, especially for those facing challenges.

Maria Velez, Director of Gateway CAP Foster Grandparent Program, presented at a national conference about modernizing technology and recruitment strategies as part of the AmeriCorps Strategic Plan 2022–2026. The program offers a tax-free stipend and reimbursement for travel and meals, crucial for around 90% of volunteers. To expand its volunteer base, Gateway is collaborating with the Social Security Administration and hosts monthly meetings to provide networking and training.

The Foster Grandparent Program showcases how volunteerism can bridge generational gaps while enriching both seniors' lives and children's experiences. Tanya Collins, a volunteer from Gloucester County, transitioned from Swedesboro to Glassboro Head Start after a work injury. She enjoys the connections she builds with children, noting, "They grow quickly in their learning." Each Foster Grandparent typically supports two children, but Collins positively impacts many more.

SNAP-Ed Program At Hamilton 1 Head Start



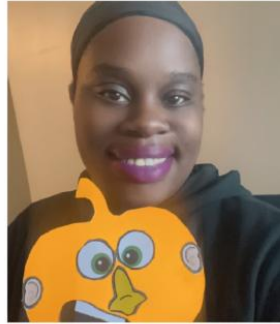
Gateway's Hamilton1 Head Start students engaged with Catherine Diamond, NJ SNAP-Ed Program Associate II from the Family and Community Health Science, at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County for the "Husky Reads" program on October 9. The "Husky Reads" curriculum offers one thirty-minute lesson weekly for ten weeks and is centered around My Plate. The session features a book reading to foster literacy, movement-based activities, and a single food tasting offered during the class.

Firefighters Visit Hamilton 1 Center



On October 10, Firefighters visited Hamilton 1 Center Head Start, during fire prevention week. They educated the children on fire safety, showed them how to identify and avoid fire hazards, and what to do in an emergency.
The children were able to see the layout of the fire truck, and the variety of tools and equipment used to respond to emergencies.

Decorating Harvest Pumpkins



In October, the Cumberland County community celebrated festive Harvest Pumpkin Decorating events at Ivy Square Apartments and River Grove Apartments. These events were organized by Eugenia Joynes, the Shelter Support Director at Gateway. At River Grove, Tia Lowery, the Community Manager, and Ruby Chestnut, the Family Partner Worker from the Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center, happily assisted with the event. Residents of Sencit Liberty Apartments in Atlantic County also participated in a fun-filled Harvest Pumpkin Decorating event in Atlantic City. Participants were provided with foam pumpkins or cutout shapes, crayons, markers, and amusing cutout faces, allowing them to create unique pumpkin designs. The events featured goodie bags, snacks, music, and dancing, making for a delightful experience for everyone involved.

Join Our Wellness Support Groups

Recovering Hope & Wellness



Addiction Recovery

Support Groups

Walk-ins are Welcome!!!

Questions or Inquiries:

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Tuesdays (Lunch Provided)

11:00am - 12:15pm

Route 45 Business Center, Suite 201
5 New Jersey 45, Mannington Township,
NJ 08079

Thursdays

1:00pm - 2pm

Trinity First Hope Center
102 S. 2nd Street, Millville, NJ 08332



Join Gateway's Addiction Recovery and Wellness Support Groups on Tuesdays and
Thursdays at:

Trinity First Hope Center, 102 S. 2nd Street. Millville, NJ 08332.

For more information contact any of the Peer Support Specialists listed below:

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Vineland III Head Start Visits The Barn Studio



Gateway's Vineland III Head Start recently visited The Barn Studio. This trip was made possible by Block Grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) and the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC), which are funded through the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission. These grants support educational visits for Head Start programs to the Barn Studio of Arts.

An Invitation To Gateway's 37th Anniversary Gala



GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Cordially Invites You to Our

GALA

Caesars Atlantic City

Thursday, November 7, 2024

6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

2100 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Kindly Respond By November 1



*For more information
please contact:*

gala@gatewaycap.org

856.497.6655

Gateway Community Action Partnership cordially invites you to our 37th Anniversary Gala at **Caesars Atlantic City on November 7** from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Ticket purchase deadline: November 1, 2024

Please visit our website at <https://www.gatewaycap.org/gala> for details.

For reservations and additional information contact: Kyana Evans at (856) 497-6655 or gala@gatewaycap.org

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Carley Guy - EHS Floating Teacher

Daniela Avila - EHS Floating Teacher

Diana Diaz Rodriguez - EHS Teacher

Elizabeth Brito - WIC Clerk

Janneth Palacios -Sub Teacher Assistant

Jelisa Baptiste - Prevention Specialist

Jennifer Esteban-Pozar - Volunteer Coordinator

Karen Fernandez - Sub Teacher Assistant

Maria Lopez - Sub Teacher Assistant

Marvin Thomas - Sub Teacher Assistant

Samantha Messeck - School Based Counselor

Shakira Correa - Sub Teacher Assistant

Tanesha Wilson - EHS Education Coordinator

Tashana Blount - Food Service Worker

Viola Overstreet - Floating Teacher

Yesenia Contreras Sarmiento - Sub Teacher Assistant

Let's welcome November!
A month filled with
Gratitude!



WELCOME NOVEMBER
New month, new chapter,
new page & new wishes. May the
month give you courage, strength,
confidence, patience, self love and
inner peace. May everyday of
November fill your days with Hope,
Love, Sunshine and New Energy.
Let there be Joy, Fun, Peace
and Laughter.

2024 Presidential Election





This year marks the United States' 60th Presidential Election. If you choose to send in your ballot early, do not miss the deadline, but **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5!**

Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library

November 2024

FREE Computer classes
Available to County & Non County Residents

Cumberland County Library
800 E. Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(856) 453-2210 x26100

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lab & Class hours are subject to change without notice. Registration required due to limited seating Walk-ins welcomed but registration is preferred.			Need assistance using your tablet or cell phone: call to schedule an appointment.		1 G-mail 10:00am-11:30am Learn to Type 2:00pm-3:30pm	2
3	4 Google Docs 2:00pm-3:30pm	5 Election Day Library Closed	6 One-on-one training Call to schedule an appointment	7	8 Need help applying online for a job? 10:00am-12:00pm	9
10	11 Veteran's Day Library Closed	12 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	13 G-mail 2:00pm-3:30pm	14	15 	16 Google Drive 10:00am-11:30am
17	18 Computer Basics I 2:00pm-3:30pm	19 Computer Basics II 2:00pm-3:30pm	20 Need help applying online for a job? 2:00pm-3:30pm	21	22 One-on-one training Call to schedule an appointment	23
24 	25 Google Drive 10:00am-11:30am	26 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	27 Resume Help 6:00pm-7:30pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Library Closed	29 Word Basics 10:00am-11:30am	30

Date	Class	Description
11/1/2024 10:00am-11:30am	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. Must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appointment to create an account before class.
11/1/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Learn to Type	Learn how to type or just improve your typing skills.
11/4/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Google Docs	Learn how to use google docs, to create a document, save and share documents using a blank document or template.
11/6/2024	One-on-one training	Please call to schedule an appointment
11/8/24 10:00am-12:00pm	Need help applying online for a job?	This class is designed to provide personalized, step-by-step assistance for individuals looking to fill out job applications online.
11/13/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. Must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appointment to create an account before class.
11/16/2024 10:00am-11:30am	Google Drive	Learn how to organize, delete, rename, download and keep your cloud storage tidy with Google Drive.
11/18/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics 1	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 10 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with user account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different ways to find them.
11/19/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics II	This is a continuation of Computer Basics 1
11/20/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Need help applying online for a job?	This class is designed to provide personalized, step-by-step assistance for individuals looking to fill out job applications online.
11/22/2024	One-on-one training	Please call to schedule an appointment
11/25/2024 10:00am-11:30am	Google Drive	Learn how to organize, delete, rename, and keep your cloud storage tidy with Google Drive
11/27/2024 6:00pm-7:30pm	Resume Help	Learn how to create a resume in Word and update your resume.
11/29/2024 10:00am-11:30am	Word Basics	Learn basic features of Word: ribbon, backstage view, typing and saving a document to your computer, copy cut, paste and more.

Looking to enhance your computer skills or pick up new ones? Cumberland County Library provides free computer classes every month. Below is the schedule for September.

These classes are available to residents of the county and non-residents alike.

For registration, call (856) 453-2210, extension 26100.

OR

Email: www.cclnj.org

Upcoming Notable Dates In November

Election Day - November 5

Gateway Observes Election Day - 5 November, Agency Closed

Gateway's 37th Anniversary Gala - November 7

Day After Gala - 8 November, Agency closed

Veterans Day - November 11

Gateway Observes Veterans Day - 11 November, Agency closed

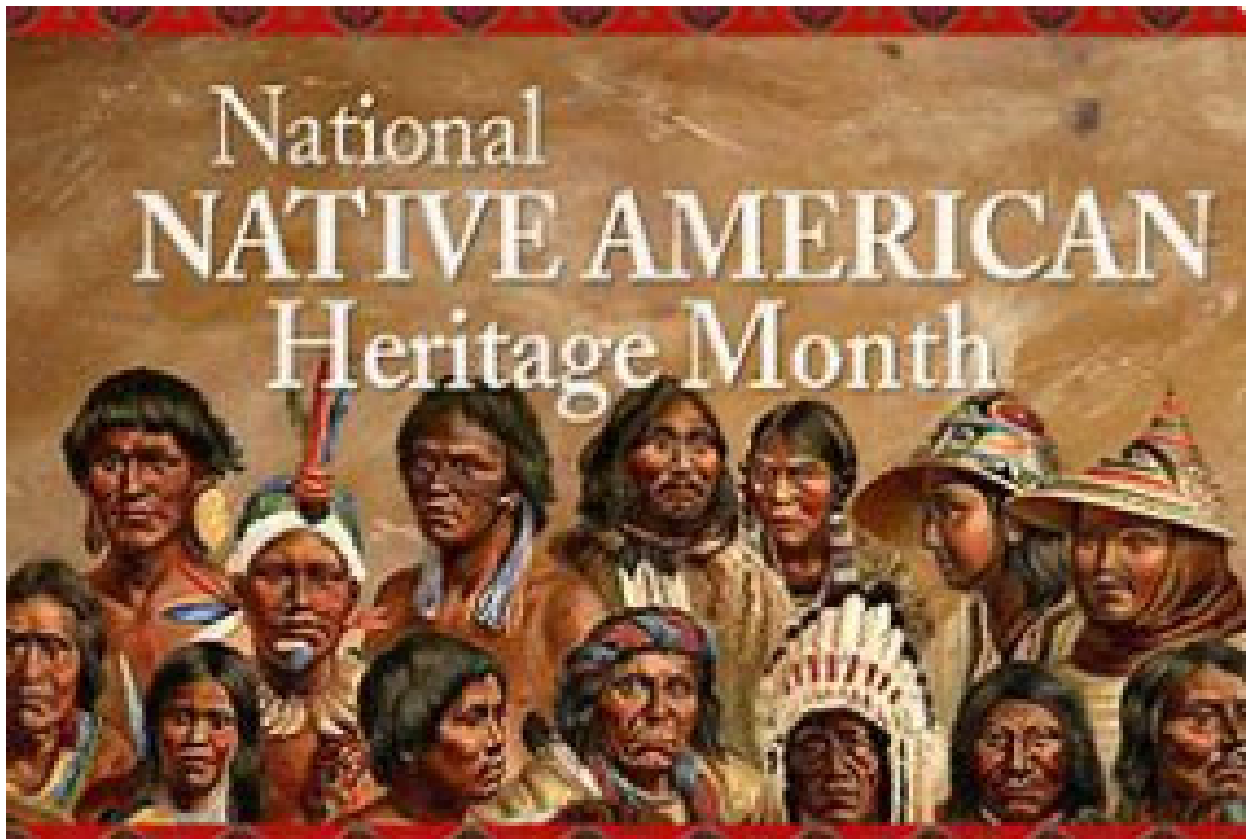
Thanksgiving Day - 28 November

Gateway Observes Thanksgiving Day - 28 November, Agency closed

Black Friday - November 29

Gateway Observes Black Friday - 29 November, Agency closed

Native American And Alaska Native Heritage Month





In November, America celebrates the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities. This month gives Americans time to consider the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples. It's a time to ensure that their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. Without exception, this November, we celebrate the culture and heritage of the remarkable Americans, who deeply enriched the quality and character of our nation. We celebrate Indian Country, with its incredible diversity of American Indian and Alaska Native cultures and peoples, who have sacrificed so much to defend the culture of their nation.

U.S. States That Derive Their Names From Native American Languages

The names of these U.S. states not only preserve the languages and heritage of the Native American tribes who originally inhabited these lands but also serve as a reminder of the rich cultural history that predated European colonization. Each name carries a story of the people and their connection to the land, highlighting the diverse and intricate tapestry of indigenous cultures across North America.

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Dakota (North and South Dakota), Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

If you would like to know what the names of these states mean and more go to [World History Edu](https://www.worldhistoryedu.com).



Honoring Our Heroes



**Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, to honor the service of military veterans of all wars fought for the United States Armed Forces.
We thank our veterans for their service to our country.**

Have A Blessed And Happy Thanksgiving



From President and CEO Albert B. Kelly and the entire Gateway staff, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Remember to cherish this special time with your loved ones.



*Thanksgiving
is a time to remember...
our blessings and make good cheer
with all those who are so dear!*

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