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November 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.

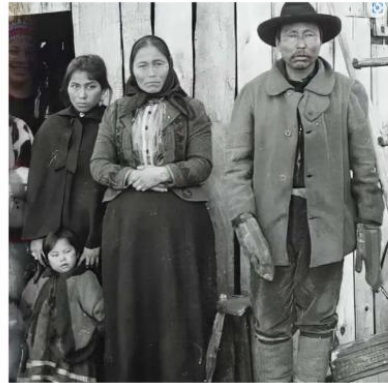
CAP Promise: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Gateway Celebrates 37 Years



Gateway Community Action Partnership celebrated 37 years of commitment to our communities with a grand gala at Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City on November 7. Ed Bethea, CCAP, Gateway's Executive Vice President and COO (top right), opened the event by welcoming guests and expressing special thanks to the agency's sponsors. Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, the President, and CEO, also expressed gratitude for the years that Gateway has served the community, acknowledging both staff and sponsors for their dedicated efforts in fulfilling the mission of providing services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency. Kelly was pleased to present a special award to Howard D. Melnicove, Esq., Gateway CAP's General Counsel (middle left). Top right: Irma Clark, Director of Administrative Services and Kyana Evans, Program Operations Manager introduce the gala committee pictured (middle right).

Native American And Alaska Native Heritage Month



National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month is celebrated every November to honor the diverse cultures and educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of the indigenous peoples who lived in the Americas before European colonization. These groups have endured persecution, war, and even genocide while striving to keep their traditions alive in the face of difficult circumstances.

They have lived in the Americas for thousands of years and have made many contributions to American society.

Some things we wouldn't have without Native Americans:

1. Barbecues, hammocks, kayaks, and moccasins are all Native American words adopted into our modern culture.
2. Canoeing, lacrosse, and tug-of-war were sports created by Native Americans
3. The log cabin was an adaptation of the Indian log or longhouse
4. Corn, 14 different beans, maple syrup, wild rice, pumpkin, and avocado started with Native American farmers.

You can learn more facts about Native Americans from the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). OR view some documentaries on [YouTube](#).
You can also check out [Amazing Experiences That Celebrate Indigenous History and Culture](#)

Native Americans Who Left a Lasting Impact

Native Americans have undeniably shaped the world with remarkable achievements and unwavering spirit. These courageous leaders, innovative thinkers, influential artists, and passionate activists have made profound and lasting impacts on American history. Their contributions are essential and should be recognized for their significance.



[Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte](#) was a member of the Omaha tribe and the first Indigenous woman in the United States to earn a medical degree. In addition to her medical career, she worked tirelessly to promote sobriety on the reservation and fought against tuberculosis, which, at that time, had no cure.



Sitting Bull, a prominent Hunkpapa Lakota leader, led his people in resisting U.S. government policies for many years. His life ended tragically on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation when Indian agency police attempted to arrest him, fearing his involvement with the Ghost Dance movement. He is remembered for his courage in defending native lands.



[Jim Thorpe](#), an exceptional American athlete, and Sac and Fox Nation member, made history as the first Native American to win a gold medal for the United States in the Olympics. He secured two gold medals at the 1912 Summer Olympics, contributing to his lasting legacy.

Click the link for more dynamic [Native American](#) persons in History.

Gateway Observes National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week



Gateway Community Action Partnership joined fellow CAP Agencies and organizations nationwide in recognizing National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. We salute our staff in our programs aimed at assisting these populations, including:

- Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry distributes bulk food supplies free of charge to needy residents
- The Mill Creek Urban Farm, operated by Gateway Community Action Partnership, is a three-acre community farm located on a former housing project site on Mill Street in Bridgeton. Established in 2009, the farm aims to provide a sustainable food source for residents and foster community involvement.

Since 1995, Gateway's Gleaning Program has collected and distributed millions of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables from fields that have already been commercially harvested. The gleaned food is of near-market quality and would otherwise go to waste. This produce is provided free of charge to local soup kitchens in the Cumberland-Gloucester-Salem region.

- WIC is a supplemental nutrition program for eligible women, infants, and children with an arm that provides eWIC benefits for nutritious foods and baby formula.
- Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social, and other services determined to be necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services.
- Gateway's Social Services include emergency shelter programs, winter warming sites (Code Blue), weatherization, and home energy assistance (LIHEAP/USF).
- Housing and Development. Since its founding, Gateway Community Action Partnership has undertaken various construction, rehabilitation, and renovation initiatives to revitalize the Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester County areas. These efforts are dedicated to offering affordable housing options for low- to moderate-income families.

If you know anyone needing these services, please direct them to Gateway CAP at 856-461-6330.

Finally, our partnership with the Village of Hope offers "tiny home" housing and comprehensive support services to guide parolees towards self-sufficiency as they transition from incarceration to becoming productive, law-abiding citizens.

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.

Head Start's Field Trip To The NJ Fire Museum



Hamilton 1 and Twin Rivers Head Start recently visited the NJ Fire Museum, a memorial dedicated to honoring fallen firefighters and preserving the history of firefighting.

The museum is run by dedicated volunteers.

The children began their visit inside the museum, where they explored various types of equipment, suits, and model fire trucks. They then moved to the garage where they saw fire trucks from both the past and present. The kids had a blast trying on helmets and jackets,

ringing a 100-year-old siren, and sitting in different types of fire trucks. They wrapped up their day with a picnic lunch and each received a fire badge to take home.

Nina Young Receives Community Hero Award



Nina Young, Gateway's Special Projects Coordinator, received a Community Hero Award from the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce during a reception dinner at the Grove at Centerterton on October 30, 2024. The event celebrated business, community, service, character, dedication, and compassion.

Gateway's New Home Energy Assistance Location

**Gateway Community Action Partnership has recently opened a newly relocated Home Energy Assistance Office in Paulsboro, Gloucester County at:
545 W. Broad Street, Unit 3, Paulsboro, NJ 08066
Tel: (856) 423-0040
E-mail: HEA-USFGloucester@gatewaycap.org
Hours: Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesday - CLOSED.**

Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Plan Team Participates In Paulsboro Community Trunk or Treat Event



The Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Plan Project team participated in the annual Paulsboro Trunk or Treat event. Staff and volunteers engaged with residents, gathering feedback on their ideas for the community while distributing candy and treats to the youth in attendance. We also organized a “Candy Guessing Game,” allowing attendees to win a prize for correctly guessing the amount of candy. The Paulsboro PRIDE Team, and other local community organizations, hosted the event, which attracted over 1,500 participants. The team enjoyed interacting with residents and hearing their thoughts and insights on how to advance Paulsboro. Paulsboro extends our gratitude to the ladies of the ELKS Lodge for their volunteering efforts, and to the members of our Steering Committee!

Please stay tuned for upcoming notable dates in December.

Top Right: Elk Lodge Daughters volunteer to distribute food to attendees.

Center photo: Kyana Evans, Gateway's Program Operations Manager is pictured with staff member Elsie Rivera.

Bottom Left: A 4th-grade student won a prize for guessing the number of candies in the bucket: 168!

Bottom Middle: Une Evans and Kapree Clarke are volunteers on the Paulsboro Pride steering committee.



**Paulsboro Pride also participated in the Second Baptist Church Trunk or Treat event on October 24.
Kyana Evans is pictured with two Paulsboro Pride volunteers.**

Join Our Wellness Support Groups

Recovering Hope & Wellness



Addiction Recovery

Support Groups

Tuesdays (Lunch Provided)

11:00am - 12:15pm

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

Walk-ins are Welcome!!!

Questions or Inquiries:

Peer Support Specialists

Honesty: hcurrie@gatewaycap.org

Tasha: thannah@gatewaycap.org

Briana: bdigregorio@gatewaycap.org

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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Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Plan Team Hosts Chat and Chew



The Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Plan team hosted a Chat and Chew event at Qunicin's Pizzeria. This event aimed to foster positive interactions and strengthen community ties among young people. It was a pleasure talking with the youth about their ideas for the future of our community.

We played Paulsboro Community Trivia, and the youth completed surveys to share their thoughts and experiences. We are grateful to the 85+ teens who came together, enjoyed some delicious slices, and contributed to making our community even stronger.
Thank you all!

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Angela Amadio - EHS Teacher

Danielle Redden - Lead Program Intake Specialist

Digna Gonzalez - Sub Teacher Assistant

Eylin Cardona Rivas Crespo - Sub Teacher Assistant

Henry Pettit - Lead Construction Monitor

Kathian Lopez Herrarte - Sub Teacher Assistant

Kiara Coghan - Sub Teacher Assistant

Lael Harold - Sub Teacher Assistant

Mayra Zamudio - Sub Teacher Assistant







Rachel Dennison - Domestic Violence Intervention Specialist

Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library

December 2024

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

Free to County and Non-County Residents

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Learn to Type 10:00am-11:30am Computer Basics 2:00pm-3:30pm	3	4 One on one training Please call to schedule an appointment	5	6 G-mail 2:00pm-3:30pm	7 
8	9	10 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	11 Excel Part 1 6:00pm-7:30pm	12 One on one training Please call to schedule an appointment	13 File Management 10:00am-11:30am	14 
15	16 Word Basics Part 1 10:00am-11:30am	17 Word Basics Part 2 10:00am-11:30am	18 Excel Part 2 6:00pm-7:30pm	19 	20 One on one training Please call to schedule an appointment	21
22	23 Windows 11 2:00pm-3:30pm	24 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	25 Library Closed Christmas Day 	26	27 	28 One on one training Please call to schedule an appointment
29 	30 Computer Basics 2:00pm-3:30pm	31 Internet Basics 10:00am-11:30am Learn to Type 2:00pm-3:30pm	<p>Lab & Class hours are subject to change Registration required due to limited seating Walk-ins welcomed but registration is preferred</p>			

Date	Class	Description
12/2/2024 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn how to type or just improve your typing skills
12/2/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 11 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.
12/4/2024	One-on-one training	Please call to schedule an appointment
12/6/2024 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 one before class.
12/11/2024 6:00pm-7:30pm	Microsoft Excel 2019 Part 1	Learn the basic features of excel, reviewing the main screen. How to enter data and create a simple spreadsheet, how to save a workbook, the different types of cursors and what each cursor does. Learn how to copy, cut & paste, insert a row/column. How to delete a row/column, how to shift data when deleting cells, how to modify the column width & row height, how to rename a worksheet, how to insert a worksheet, how to move / copy a worksheet, color code worksheets and how to change global settings to open multiple sheets in a workbook.
12/12/2024	One-on-one training	Please call to schedule an appointment
12/13/2024 10:00am-11:30am	File Management	Learn how to organize and save files in the documents folder and on a flash drive, create folders and subfolders.
12/16/2024 10:00am-11:30am	Microsoft Word 2019 Basics Part 1	Learn basic features of the main screen, create and format documents, open, save, & delete documents, save files as 97-2003 versions or a PDF. Copy, cut, paste, learn different ways to select text, drag text, undo, redo, find and replace, change margins, and spell check.
12/17/2024 12:00am-11:30am	Microsoft Word 219 Basics Part 2	We will modify a document to create a flyer that includes a table & photo. Learn to add watermarks, custom watermarks, page borders, print background color and images. Insert page numbers, header and footers and create columns.
12/18/2024 6:00pm-7:30pm	Microsoft Excel 2019 Part 2	Learn how to create a spreadsheet with basic formulas using, sum, average, min, max, how to use the flash fill, how to create a spreadsheet and pull data from your worksheet to a summary page.
12/20/2024	One-on-one training	Please call to schedule an appointment
12/23/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Windows 11	Learn some basic features of Windows 11 including some tips and tricks.
12/28/2024	One-on-one training	Please call to schedule an appointment
12/30/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 11 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.
12/31/2024 10:00am-11:30am	Internet Basics	Learn basics of Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, how to use the main screen, learn the difference between the address bar and searching, how to change your home page, how to open and separate tabs, what are hyperlinks and how to navigate websites.
12/31/2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Learn to Type	Learn how to type or just improve your typing skills.

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 December

Giving Tuesday - December 3

International Day of People with Disabilities - December 3

Hanukkah and National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - December 7

National Ugly Sweater Day - December 17

Christmas Eve - December 24

Gateway Observes Christmas Eve - Agency closed

December 25 - Christmas Day

Gateway Observes Christmas Day - Agency closed

New Year's Eve - December 31

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