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## December 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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## Gateway Partners With Local Law Enforcement On Community-Building Shop With A Cop Program

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Cumberland County







**Gloucester County**





Salem County



Each evening during the week of December 12, Gateway gathered local communities in all three designated CAP counties (Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem) to “Shop With A Cop” for the holidays. The program, which is held by CAP agencies throughout New Jersey, is intended to help build trust and reduce the divide between the public and local law enforcement. Gateway provided children with gift cards to shop for holiday gifts and essentials, and shoppers were accompanied by police officers from NJ State Police, County Prosecutor’s Offices, County Sheriff’s Departments, and other local police departments.

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## Mayor Kelly’s Holiday Toy Drive With Gateway



The Bridgeton Mayor's Holiday Toy Drive with breakfast was held in partnership with Gateway Community Action Partnership at the Marino Center on December 12. "Santa" was invited by Mayor Albert B. Kelly, the President and CEO of Gateway and Mayor of Bridgeton. Above, "Santa" is pictured with some of the donations. The gifts will be distributed by the Bridgeton Area Police Athletic League to area children.

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## Gateway President and CEO Albert B. Kelly Recognized as NJ Heartland Hero

Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO and Mayor of Bridgeton, was recognized as the December 2022 New Jersey Heartland Hero "for the support he has provided to countless individuals and families, as well as the inspiration he continues to be for the entire region." Please click on the box below to read the entire article about this honor.

[Click here for article on Albert B. Kelly As NJ Heartland Hero!](#)

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## Governor Murphy Commends Village Of Hope Partnership On Its Efforts to Provide Stable Housing, Reduce Recidivism

New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy commended Gateway Community Action Partnership, The Kintock Group and the Reentry Coalition of New Jersey - the Village of Hope partnership - for its efforts in providing stability and hope to those entering society after incarceration. See letter below. The Village of Hope is a new transitional housing



facility, on a site adjacent to The Kintock Group in Bridgeton, that is made up of six 100-square-foot tiny houses and a community room. It was developed for individuals as they transition out of the criminal justice system. Individuals who participate in the program can stay in these units for up to six months as they receive reentry services such as assistance with employment, budgeting, referrals to health and social services, and help finding permanent housing.



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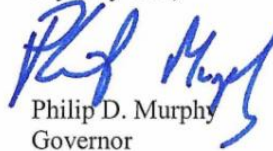
Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome all those gathered for the Village of Hope Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening ceremony, hosted by the Gateway Community Action Partnership, The Kintock Group, and the Reentry Coalition of New Jersey.

This event serves as an opportune time to recognize the Village of Hope Transitional Housing Program and its work in providing temporary stable housing to New Jersey residents seeking reentry support. The Garden State is working towards reducing recidivism and promoting public safety, and thanks to this impressive program we are closer to this goal. As Governor, I commend the Gateway Community Action Partnership, The Kintock Group, and the Reentry Coalition of New Jersey for carrying out their important mission and empowering individuals seeking reentry support.

I also want to take this time to thank everyone that is a part of these extraordinary organizations. All of you, independently and collectively, have changed lives throughout New Jersey. Best wishes in all your future endeavors and please know that the entire State of New Jersey stands behind you as you continue to make a difference in the Garden State.

My very best,

  
Philip D. Murphy  
Governor

## Gateway Holds Employee Holiday Party At Marino Center

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Gateway celebrated the holiday season with an employee holiday party at the Marino Center in Cumberland County on December 14. Lunch was also provided for those working at surrounding Gateway sites. Mr. Albert B. Kelly, Gateway President and CEO, thanked employees for their work at Gateway, highlighting both new and long-time employees who have helped to keep the agency's programs running successfully to serve the community for the past 35 years.

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## Gateway Highlighted At Philadelphia Eagles Game

## In Community RedZone Program

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Gateway was featured among other nonprofits at a Philadelphia Eagles game as part of the Community RedZone program. Philadelphia Insurance Companies is partnering with the Philadelphia Eagles throughout the season to highlight nonprofits doing great work in the community. Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO, was among those attending from the agency.

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## Gateway Welcomes Volunteers To Its Foster Grandparent Programs

Atlantic County FGP



**A warm welcome to our new volunteers of our Atlantic County Foster Grandparent and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem (BCGS) counties Foster Grandparent programs. The volunteers in Atlantic County completed a total of 24 hours of pre-service orientation from Dec. 12-16. The volunteers of the BCGS program had a great time team building as they learned all the ways they can help serve our Head Start children and the communities they will serve. Special thanks to Lucila Barrios, Shelly Mihalecz and Patrick Fannell for the trainings and workshops they provided.**

### **BCGS FGP**



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## Volunteers Help To Meet Holiday Schedule At Gateway Food Pantry

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In December, Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry works on a tight schedule to prepare food boxes for distribution before the holidays. To help meet the deadline, 15 volunteers from the Salem Mennonite Church spent time at the pantry helping to fill food boxes. In total, they were able to prepare 222 grocery boxes, as well as numerous produce and drink bags for distribution.

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## Elizabeth Moore School Donates 332 Pounds Of Food To Gateway Food Pantry

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Teacher Vicki Daugherty and the students and staff at Elizabeth Moore School in Seabrook held a Christmas food drive and donated the collected food to Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry. The total amount of food weighed 332 pounds.

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## Polydron Donates Toys and Educational Materials To Head Start Classrooms



Gateway's Head Start program received a generous donation of classroom manipulatives from the company Educational Advantage Polydron. Becker's School Supplies recommended Gateway to be the recipient of this donation, which includes hundreds of toys and educational materials and is worth approximately \$50,000. Items will be distributed to multiple Head Start centers and used in classrooms daily.

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## Twin Rivers Head Start Celebrate Holiday Season With Donations and Haircuts

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**Children and families at Twin Rivers Head Start celebrated the holidays early thanks to a number of generous donations. St. Paul's Lutheran Church donated sweat suits, and International Flavors and Fragrances (IFF) provided gifts. Additionally, the Wise family donated and set up a gift table for parents. St. Paul's church has been donating for Christmas and Easter to the children for almost 35 years, IFF has been donating for approximately 30 years, and the Wise Family has been donating gifts each season for about 15 years. In addition to the donated gifts, Ms. Felicia Schneier, Parent President, spent time giving children new haircuts, with parents present.**

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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