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#### **December 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 Has Another Successful "Shop With A Hero" Event

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) staff welcomed excited children as they gathered at scheduled times at local Walmarts to participate in the "Shop With A Hero" event. Gateway teamed up with our local "heroes" to provide a memorable holiday experience for underprivileged children and families in Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties through the "Shop With A Hero" program. This initiative supports at-risk children aged 7 to 13 with holiday shopping while fostering trust and positive, long-lasting relationships between

first responders and community professionals.

From December 10 to 12, Gateway CAP's "Shop With A Hero" program extended across five Walmart locations Bridgeton, Deptford, Millville, Penns Grove, and Upper Deerfield. Gateway CAP gave each child a \$150 gift card for a 60-minute shopping spree at a local Walmart, accompanied by a hero. The participating heroes included police officers from the Bridgeton, Millville, and Vineland Police Departments, the NJ State Police, the County Prosecutor's Office, the County Sheriff's Department, Millville and Vineland Fire Departments, and Inspira EMS. The program served approximately 300 children in these communities.























In the center photo, Ed Bethea, CCAP, Gateway's Executive Vice President and COO, is with a Millville lad who bought himself a bicycle on his shopping spree.

State Troopers Kieling and Castiblanco, (upper left), and Lambert (bottom right) with happy shoppers.

The Millville Police Department was also well represented: pictured are Off. Sharretts, Lt. Off. Ferrer, Off. Bojaciuk, and Off. Delfinado.

PM Valerie Holiday of Inspra EMS (Second from top left) was certainly happy to participate in the event.











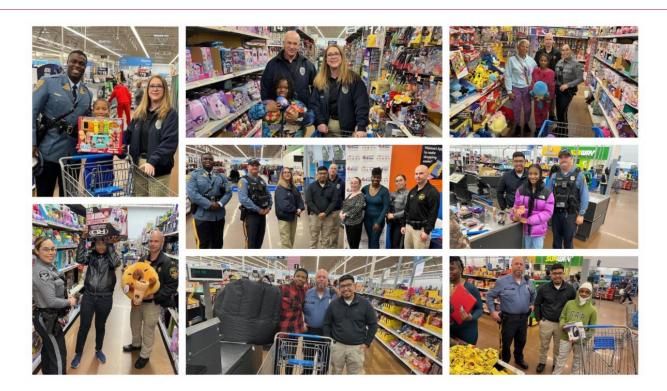








The Vineland Police and Fire Department Heroes were on site to shop with their youngsters. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and their elves were also present to welcome the young shoppers.



The Great City of Bridgeton was bustling with young shoppers at the "Shop With A Hero" event held at the Upper Deerfield Walmart. They were delighted to be accompanied by heroes from the NJ State Troopers, Bridgeton Police and Fire Departments, Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, and Inspira EMTs.



Salem experienced a significant turnout for their event. Heroes from the Pennsville Police Department, Pennsville EMT, Salem City Police Department, and the Sheriff's Office (including both the Courts Division and Correctional Division), as well as Carneys Point Police Department, all collaborated to make the "Shop With A Hero" event a great success.

Gateway Community Action Partnership expresses gratitude to all our staff, volunteers, and participating heroes for making our "Shop With A Hero" program a success each year.

#### **Congratulations to Natalia Uribe-Netufo**



Gateway congratulates Natalia Uribe-Netufo, the Lead Director of the Foster Grandparent Program at Gateway Community Action Partnership, on her election to the AmeriCorps Seniors Professional Network Inc. (ASPN). She has been recognized for her commitment to supporting Foster Grandparent (FGP) and Senior Companion Program (SCP) fellow directors, and for her efforts to enhance national service operations and management.

Natalia will officially begin her new responsibilities on January 1, 2025.

#### **Partner Of The Month Spotlight**



Our Partner of the Month for August 2024 is OceanFirst Bank
We thank OceanFirst Bank for all its generous contributions to Gateway CAP.

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is thankful for the generous support from OceanFirst Bank. OceanFirst's commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a good 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.

**Health Department Visit To Twin Rivers Head Start** 









The Twin Rivers Head Start recently hosted a visit from the New Jersey Health Department. During the visit, representatives spoke with parents about the upcoming flu shot season and distributed informational materials regarding flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. They also provided items for the children, including coloring pages, crayons, and toothbrushes with covers. Additionally, families received a free COVID-19 home test, and parents had the opportunity to scan a QR code to request two more free COVID-19 tests to be sent by mail.

# Gateway Head Start Receives Generous Donation Of School Supplies











Gateway Head Start received a substantial donation of school supplies from Becker's School Supplies, Inc. The photos display just a few of the donated items. Felicia Moore, the Head Start Education Manager (center right) is holding samples of puzzles, and Laura Miletta, the Early Head Start Education Manager is standing next to the donated combo stroller.

Thank you Becker's School Supplies, Inc. for your generous donation.

### Gateway Staff Attends Annual Nurture NJ Leadership Summit



Carolyn Robinson, the Community Services Manager at Gateway CAP, and Jessica Fleming, the Human Resources/Payroll Associate, attended the 7th Annual Nurture NJ Leadership Summit. Both served as notetakers during the facilitated discussions at the summit.

Carolyn Robinson is pictured at the far left taking notes during one of the sessions.

Twin Rivers Head Start Experience A Little Holiday Spirit











Gateway Cap's Twin Rivers Head Start recently enjoyed a special visit from representatives of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Mercedes-Benz. They brought gifts for the children, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church generously donates clothing to the children twice a year, in the spring and winter. Parents were present to watch as the children sang Christmas songs, embracing the holiday spirit. The children were thrilled to receive their Christmas gifts.

#### **Festive Activities with Gateway's Eugenia Joynes**

Eugenia Joynes, Gateway's Emergency Assistance and Shelter Support Director, organized festive activities and holiday crafts for residents in Gateway's family apartment service area. Residents from River Grove Apartments, Ivy Square Apartments, Sencit Liberty Apartments in Atlantic City, and Landis Square Senior Apartments participated in the event, where they decorated cutouts of Christmas trees, gingerbread men, and snowmen.

Ivy Square residents received new clothes and sneakers, generously donated by Sherry Hill.

All three family apartment complexes participated in a raffle with prizes that included telescopes and a science project motor generator. Residents of Sencit played "Name That Tune," with winners receiving household items, and two residents were awarded new coats.

Both children and adults enjoyed the activities and enthusiastically sang their favorite Christmas songs.













Eugenia Joynes (top left) gets organized to welcome River Grove residents. Top right, Sherry Hill is pictured with the yougsters as they display their creations.









River Grove raffle winners show their excitement!











#### **Sencit Liberty Apartments winners of "Name That Tune"**









Seniors at Landis Square Apartments enjoy their crafting activity.

### **Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!**

**Destiny Pitts - Gateway Scholars** 

**Donny Reyes - Code Blue Assistant** 

**Jada Harris - Gateway Scholars** 

Laura Garcia Santiago - EHS Teacher

Marisol Santiago Hernandez - Purchasing Associate

Maritza Labrador Zambrano - Sub Teacher Assistant

Maritza Martinez-Carmona - Sub Teacher Assistant

Nyasia Todd - Gateway Scholars

**Robin Henry - Senior Accountant** 

**Shaquitta Davis - Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan Assistant** 

Yuridia Galvan Arriaga - Sub Teacher Assistant



A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To all our viewers and subscribers!

## The Million Dollar Pound Cake: A Timeless Dessert for The Holidays



Recipe Master describes this Million Dollar Pound Cake as not just a dessert; it's a nostalgic culinary experience wrapped in layers of buttery goodness. It's perfect for family gatherings, holiday dinners, or simply as a sweet indulgence after a long day. This cake is loved for its simplicity and rich, satisfying flavor. With its golden crust and tender crumb, the Million Dollar Pound Cake is an impressive treat for anyone who appreciates a classic homemade delight.

Want to try this mouth-watering dessert: click the link here

**Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library** 

# January 2025

Free Computer Classes

Available to County & Non County residents

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

ı	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 buy registration is preferred			Library Closed New Years	2	3 Learn to Type 10:00am-11:30am	4
100	5	Computer Basics & Windows 11 tips 2:00pm-3:30pm	7  DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	8 G-mail 2:00pm-3:30pm	9 Outreach	10 File Management 10:00am-11:30am	11
	12	Internet Basics 2:00pm-3:30pm	14 Computer Basics 10:00am-11:30am How to manage Google Drive Storage 2:00pm-3:30pm	Resume Help 6:00pm-7:30pm	16 Outreach	17	How to use Zoom 10:00am-11:30am
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	26	27 One-on-one Training Please call to schedule an appointment	Create a calendar in Publisher 2:00pm-3:30pm	PowerPoint Basics 6:00pm-7:30pm	30 Outreach	31	7

Date	Class	Description		
1/3/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to Type or just improve your typing skills.		
1/6/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics & Windows 11 tips	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.		
1/8/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, de- lete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a mes- sage, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. Must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appoint- ment to create one before class.		
1/10/2025 10:00am-11:30am File Managemen		Learn how to organize and save files in the documents folder and on a flash drive, create folders and subfolders.		
1/13/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	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.		
1/14/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Computer Basics	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.		
1/14/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	How to use and manage Google Drive	How to keep your google drive organized and keep your storage clean.		
1/15/2024 6:00pm-7:30pm Resume Help		Need assistance updating your resume, please bring in your work history so we can update your resume.		
1/18/2025 10:00am-11:30am	How to use Zoom	In this class we will learn how to start a meeting, be a participant, how to share your screen.		
1/22/2025	One-on-one Training	Please call to schedule an appointment.		
1/24/2025 10:00am-12:00pm	Computer Basics for beginners	This class is for people who have little to no experience, we will begin with learning how to use the mouse, keyboard and more.		
1/27/2025	One-on-one Training	Please call to schedule an appointment.		
/28/2024 Create a calendar :00pm-3:30pm in Microsoft Publisher		Learn to create a calendar, add clipart, add events		
1/29/2025 PowerPoint Basics		Learn basic features of PowerPoint ribbon, quick access toolbar, back- stage view, inset slides, add text 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 January**

New Year's Day - January 1

Gateway Observes New Year's Day - Agency closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 15 (Agency closed on January 20, in observance)

Benjamin Franklin Day - January 17

**Inauguration Day - January 20** 

**Holocaust Remembrance Day - January 27** 

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