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September 2023 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's Mill Creek Urban Farm Hosts "WaveMakers" On OceanFirst's CommUNITY First Day



OceanFirst Bank branches and offices closed on Tuesday, September 12 to volunteer within the community for their COMMUNITY First Day. Over 750 OceanFirst employees, known as WaveMakers, volunteered across five states.

A group of five WaveMakers arrived at Gateway's Mill Creek Urban Farm assist with farm activities such as picking and planting vegetables with direction from Marcus Weaver, Gateway's Director of Agriculture and Food Initiatives. Following their time on the farm, the group moved to Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry to pack bags. Present to thank the volunteers for their work were Gateway's President and CEO, Albert B. Kelly and Gateway's Executive Vice President and COO, Ed Bethea.

Gateway is grateful for the partnership we have with OceanFirst Bank and OceanFirst Foundation.

Galloway WIC Staff Come To The Rescue Of Baby In Peril



On Friday, September 22, Senior Program Nutritionist, Alyssa Williams, along with WIC Admin Clerk Yahaira Alvarez and WIC Clerk Aracelis Rodriguez, responded to an urgent situation at Gateway's WIC location in Galloway. When Williams heard a mother screaming in the waiting room that her newborn baby was not breathing, she sprang into action. While directing Rodriguez to call 911, she noticed that the baby was purple and trying to gasp for air. After removing the baby from the car seat, Williams performed infant CPR while following the direction of the 911 operator. Before long, the baby began breathing and crying, at which point Williams was able to stop CPR and allow police and EMS to take over. She remained by the mother's side as they walked out to the ambulance.

"Gateway salutes Alyssa Williams and her staff for their quick thinking and response in helping this baby and mother in their time of need," said Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO. "What they did in an emotionally charged situation was amazing. Gateway is proud of you."

Gateway is honored to call Alyssa Williams, Aracelis Rodriguez, and Yahaira Alvarez our own, and their ability to remain calm in the face of an emergency while demonstrating empathy to those involved is incredibly admirable. They embody what it means to go above and beyond for those we serve.

Pictured: Alyssa Williams, Senior Program Nutritionist

**Gateway Volunteers Are Essential To Our Mission
To Improve Lives And Promote Self-Sufficiency**



Volunteers are essential to our organization. With the help of these committed volunteers and others like them, we can reach more people and improve more lives. Thank you to everyone who helped out at Gateway's Family Success Centers and Emergency Food Pantry over the past few months.

For more information on volunteer opportunities and how you can get involved, click the button below.

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**Gateway's Family Success Centers
Receive 950 Bookbags From Cradles To Crayons**



Cradles to Crayons, a Philadelphia-based distribution program for children's supplies, donated 950 backpacks to Gateway's Family Success Centers. Gateway's FSC Resource Coordinator, Sabrina T. Simpkins, picked up the donations from Delaware to distribute them to our Family Success Centers. Other programs within the agency assisted in the distribution of the bags, including the Southeast Gateway (SEG) Neighborhood Revitalization Community Day event. Many of the remaining bags were taken to Paulsboro and given to children in need. Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Millville, Stronger Families at the Alms Center in Bridgeton, Mount Laurel AME Church in Pilesgrove and Just The 2 of Us, an Atlantic City-based neighborhood organization, also received backpacks for their back-to-school events. Gateway thanks Bridgeton U-Haul for donating a truck for the initial pick up in Delaware.

Gateway's Family Success Centers Distribute Donated Bags To Students In Need



Gateway's Family Success Centers gave away 200 bookbags during the August Food Pantry Distribution at 65 Manheim Avenue in Bridgeton. With the help of FSC Volunteers Glory Joy Simpkins and Kimmie Nardi along with three youth volunteers, the event was a true success.

Linwood Head Start Hosts Parent Orientation To Kick Off The School Year



Linwood Head Start's parent orientation was a success! Parents of Head Start children gathered at the center to learn the ins and outs of Head Start and how to prepare for their child's first day.

River's Edge Students Eager To Get A Head Start On The New School Year



Children at Twin Rivers Head Start had a blast on their first day of school! Many of Gateway's Head Start and Early Head Start centers opened their doors for both new and

"Dads Take Your Child To School Day" Initiative A Great Success

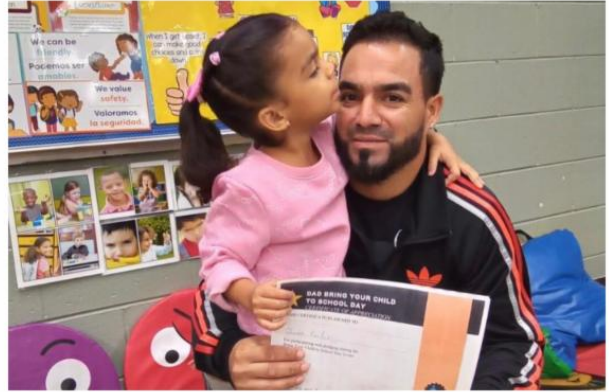
Many of Gateway's Head Start locations take part in "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" during the third week of September each year. "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" is a national initiative where fathers and father figures are encouraged to involve themselves in their child's education by bringing them to school. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures joined their children at the centers to participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Below are photos from our Twin Rivers, Pleasantville, and Hamilton 1 Head Start centers.

Gateway knows how important it is for children to have involved fathers and father figures in their lives. This day serves as one of the many Male Initiative activities Gateway takes part in each year. For more information on our Male Initiative program, visit our website below.

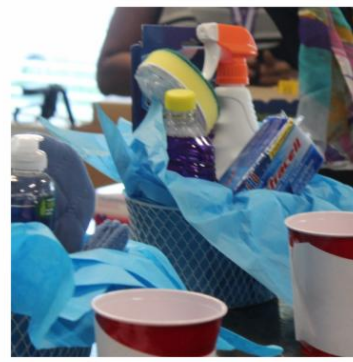
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**Landis Square Residents Enjoy A Day
Of Fun, Fellowship, And Ice Cream Sundaes**



Gateway partners with EPAC Property Management to provide monthly services to the residents at Landis Square Apartments in Vineland. The residents at the apartments enjoyed an afternoon of fun with Gateway's Shelter Support Director, Eugenia Joynes, on Friday, August 25.

Participating residents were excited contributors in a game of Silent Auction Bingo as they enjoyed ice cream sundaes. Present to help scoop and serve the ice cream were Shannon Bailey, VP of EPAC Property Management and Gloria Givens, Office Manager at Landis Square Apartments. Gloria also had the pleasure of drawing the tickets that produced six elated winners: Alma Oliva, Jenny Bryant, Dora Connaway, Elsie Medina, Deborah Steele, and Joe Loheman.

Gateway's Family Success Centers Receive Large Donation Of Baby Items From DCF



New Jersey's Department of Children and Families (DCF) donated a large supply of baby items to Family Success Centers across the state. Gateway's Family Success Centers were able to secure \$7,000 worth of baby formula, over 6,000 diapers, 40 cases of baby wipes, two cribs, and two cases of 20 Crib Safe Kits. All donated items will be used to support the Happy Cheeks Diaper Bank.

Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry Hosts CFBNJ Guests During Distribution



Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry hosted two special guests during one of our food distribution days at 65 Manheim Ave in Bridgeton. Nicole Williams and Elizabeth Witty from Community Food Bank of New Jersey's (CFBNJ) northern branch in Hillside, NJ stopped by on their tour of South Jersey food pantries during the month of August to see and hear the stories of pantry recipients in our service area.

Salem Family Success Center Holds A Successful Fall Craft Night



Salem Family Success Center hosted a fall craft activity on September 7 for local families to come out and make their own scarecrows. Participants of all ages had a great time exercising their creativity!

Join Us For Our 36th Anniversary Gala This November



GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Cordially Invites You to Our

GALA ^{36th} ANNIVERSARY

Caesars Atlantic City

Thursday, November 9, 2023 • 6 to 11 p.m.

2100 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Cocktail Hour: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: November 3, 2023

Visit www.gatewaycap.org/gala For Details



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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.



Gateway WIC Services Available In Galloway Following Egg Harbor City Office Closure

Gateway Community Action Partnership operates the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) in Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties. The program provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, lactation support, immunization education and health care referrals to income-eligible pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to age 5.

Effective September 28, 2023, the Egg Harbor City WIC office located at 300 Philadelphia Ave., Suite B, will no longer be in operation. However, Gateway WIC will continue to provide services to participants at the Galloway WIC Office at 333 Jimmie Leeds Road, Unit 5 (609-382-5050). The Galloway WIC Office maintains operating hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. WIC is an equal opportunity employer and provider. To file a program complaint of discrimination, because of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA at: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20250 - 9410. and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov.

For general information on the Gateway WIC program or nearest office location and hours of operation, visit www.gatewaycap.org/wic or call the Gateway WIC program at 856-451-5600 or 609-347-5656.

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Stevonni Gould, Gateway Scholars
Keon Ruiz, Gateway Scholars
Annette Ortega, Prevention Specialist
Gianna Pagano, School Based Counselor
Khadeejah Ashour, Sub Teacher Assistant
Emmely Brambila, Sub Teacher Assistant
Maria Sanchez, DOE Teacher Assistant
Emy Rivas Gonzalez, Sub Teacher Assistant

Fatima Gomez, EHS Teacher
Breia Faison, Sub Teacher Assistant
Mariam Gerges, Sub Teacher Assistant
Anthony Monte, Bus Driver
Johanna Freire, Teacher

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