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May 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.

May Marks Community Action Month



May 1 signified the commencement of Community Action Month, a period dedicated to uniting and contemplating our dedication to fighting poverty within our communities and throughout the United States. With a network exceeding 1000 Community Action Agencies nationwide, we endeavor to collaborate effectively to enhance the lives of the underprivileged.

We persist in fortifying our communities, ensuring a more secure and welcoming environment. Our contributions to significant initiatives are aimed at enhancing the well-being of those in our surroundings.

Gateway Partner Of The Month Spotlight



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Our Partner of the Month for May 2024 is Local 322.
We thank Local 322 for all its generous contributions to Gateway CAP.

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) thanks Local 322 for the generous donations. The commitment to corporate social responsibility shown by Local 322 is commendable and sets a fine example for other organizations. Such philanthropic deeds are vital for the betterment of society, and we are confident that their support will greatly enhance our endeavors. We offer our profound gratitude for their exceptional contribution.

National Nurses Day



May 6 marked National Nurses Day, and Gateway Community Action Partnership extended love and recognition to all our dedicated nurses for the generosity, kindness, and support they provide day after day. We thank you for your service!

Police Officer Visits Twin Rivers



In May, Officer Nicole Orbin of the EWPD visited Gateway's Twin Rivers Head Start center. She shared street safety tips and explained the proper occasions to dial 911 to the children. Full of curiosity, the youngsters eagerly asked her many questions, which she patiently addressed.

Muralist Paints Planter Boxes At The Southeast Triangle



Muralist Angela Harris-Moore adorns the planter boxes at The Southeast Triangle, located at the intersection of MLK Jr. and South Ave, Bridgeton, to honor the cultural diversity of the Southeast Gateway neighborhood.

National Teacher's Day



Thank a teacher!

NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

May 7 was National Teacher Day; we at Gateway Community Action Partnership extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated teachers who tirelessly serve the amazing children in our Head Start program. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

**Gateway CAP attends the 38th National Home Performance
Conference & Trade Show**



The Weatherization team from Gateway CAP participated in the 38th National Home Performance Conference & Trade Show held in April, which attracted over 2,400 participants. Pictured are Evelyn Garcia (left), Weatherization Intake Specialist, and Larechia Ducree, Senior Program Coordinator for the Weatherization/LRAP Program.

Edward J. Geletka Receives Distinguished Citizen Of The Year Good Scout Award



Edward J. Geletka, Secretary of Gateway Community Action Partnership Board of Directors, was honored with the Cumberland County Distinguished Citizen of the Year Good Scout Award by the Garden State Council, BSA (Boy Scouts of America), during an awards dinner on Wednesday night at The Grove at Centerton in Pittsgrove. Gateway was a sponsor of the event.

Pictured are Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway, Edward Geletka, and his wife Annmarie Geletka. Mr. Geletka is a Senior Vice President and Director of Government Banking at OceanFirst Bank.

Mother's Day Celebration At Holly City Family Success Center



Millville's Holly City Family Success Center marked Mother's Day with a delightful photo shoot. Absolutely stunning!

Hamilton I Head Start Hosts Fatherhood Activity



Hamilton I Head Start offered a fatherhood activity program designed to engage fathers and male caregivers in the development and education of their children, fostering a strong and positive impact on family and community engagement. The children were thrilled to share

their day with fathers and father figures during the special Fatherhood event. Together, they embraced the spring weather and potted marigolds as a Mother's Day present.

Housing For Everyone



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Gateway Community Action Partnership is honored to be the recipient of the Housing for Everyone grant, bestowed by the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank. This grant will assist us in promoting independent living among marginalized individuals in the Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties of Southern New Jersey. We extend our sincere gratitude to TD for their support.

The Need For Affordable Housing In New Jersey



Ed Bethea, the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gateway Community Action Partnership, authored an op-ed highlighting the necessary actions to ensure

affordable housing in New Jersey. [The article](#) was co-authored with Staci Berger, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ). Additionally, Bethea holds the position of Chairman at HCDNNJ.

Southeast Gateway At The Job Fair





The Gateway Community Action Partnership participated in the June Job Fair at the Alms Center in Bridgeton. Esaul Martin, the Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator for the Southeast Gateway Program, represented the agency at the event.

Congratulations To Ed Bethea



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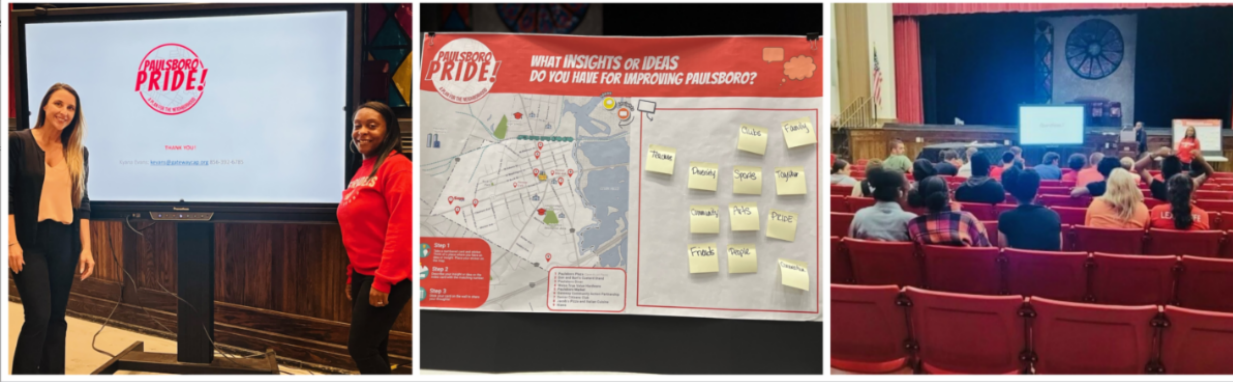
Ed Bethea, Executive Vice President, and COO of Gateway Community Action Partnership was honored on May 25, 2024, by Ionic Lodge #40. The Lodge celebrated distinguished Bridgeton and Cumberland County community members at a special dinner. Mr. Bethea, also a Brother of Ionic Lodge No. 40, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his significant community involvement, and efforts to build connections, foster relationships, and positively impact the Bridgeton Community, embodying the spirit of collaboration and compassion. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Bethea thanked many individuals for their support and encouragement throughout the years, including his children and family, and offered a heartfelt thank you to his wife, Cynthia. He was profoundly moved by the honor and appreciative of the recognition. Mr. Bethea's colleagues from Gateway were present to support him at the event.

Caught With A Caring Heart



**Gateway Community Action Partnership Hamilton 1 Head Start staff that were caught with a caring heart in May.
 From the top, left to right: Mariam Moussa (T), Dolores Sigcho (TA), Eman Noueldein (Floater TA), Neveen Kamel (HT), Libia Leon (TA), Jennifer Wilson (TA), Rosa Sanchez (T), Briyith Avila (Cook), and Yessica Gonzales (ERSEA Associate).**

Paulsboro PRIDE Holds High School Meeting



Kyana Evans, Gateway Community Action Partner's Program Operations Manager, participated in the Paulsboro PRIDE Program, supported by Gateway is gaining momentum thanks to the involvement of its residents, particularly high school students with a strong sense of community. On Thursday, May 23, thirty-six sophomores, juniors, and seniors from Paulsboro High School's Project ABLE (Athletes Being Leaders Everywhere) were available to share their views on their community and aspirations for the future of Paulsboro. Each student expressed their affection for Paulsboro along with their hopes and concerns. Special thanks go to Ms. Rose Clark, the Student Assistance Counselor at Paulsboro High School, and Anaiah Hill, a Paulsboro High School alumna and current student at Rowan College of South Jersey, for their roles in leading the conversation. Paulsboro PRIDE aims to rejuvenate the Paulsboro community, emphasizing fair and inclusive community decision-making, aligning with Gateway's mission "To provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency."

Summer Program Day Trips

SUMMER PROGRAM

This year in partnership with Cumberland County Office of Aging & Disabled Gateway CAP is offering....

SUMMER KIDS DAY TRIPS!!!!



TO QUALIFY:

- Child must live in household of a primary caregiver (grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other family members) over the age of 55 +.
- Primary residency of child and caregiver must be Cumberland County.
- Child must be between the ages of 7-18 years old and must be in school.

If you meet the criteria listed above please reach out to your Family Success Center below.

**Cumberland County Residence Call:
856-765-0205 or 856-451-1133**

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If you are a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or another family member or caregiver raising an

in-school child or children between 7 and 18 years old, you are 55 years plus, and reside in Cumberland County, your child or children may be eligible for the Summer Program Day Trips.

Please call the Family Success Center at 856 765 0205 OR 856 451 1133.

Wellness And Mental Health Expo



Gateway Community Action Partnership and Bridgeton Public Schools in collaboration present "Mental Health Expo 2024" and "Wellness Fair", on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 51 West Ave North, Bridgeton, NJ 08302, between the hours of 3p.m and 6 p.m.

For More Information Call: 856-497-6650.

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Bonner Brandon - Prevention Specialist

Brandon Hernandez - EHS Teacher

Jannette Best - ERSEA Coordinator

Jo Pearson - Food Distribution Data Entry

Maria Conde- EHS Teacher

Michelle White - Domestic Violence Mental Health Advocate

Roberta White - Floating EHS Teacher

Roverssi Sanz Rodriguez - Breastfeeding Peer Counselor/Wic Clerk

Vanessa Guillen Parra - HS Teacher Assistant

Upcoming Notable Dates In June

Flag Day - June 14

Father's Day - June 16

Juneteenth - June 19

Gateway Observes Juneteenth - June 21 Agency Closed

Happy

June



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