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July 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 Collaborates With Goya, MALEA, And NJSP In Large Food Giveaway



Gateway Community Action Partnership participated in a food giveaway event on July 20. Goya, Inc. in collaboration with the Muslim American Law Enforcement Association (MALEA) and New Jersey State Police (NJSP), invited the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Police Department of Corrections NJ, Marshall C. Brown Chapter, NJ, Hispanic American Law Enforcement Association Inc., Church by The Bay, and Gateway to contribute to the event. Three locations welcomed recipients: Penns Grove Head Start, Riverwalk Senior Apartments in Bridgeton, and Spring Gardens Senior Housing in Vineland.

The Riverwalk Senior Apartments residents were lined up, anxious to receive their packages of fresh products and other food items. A heavy downpour of rain made a startling appearance, but it did not deter the volunteering team of officers from accomplishing their mission as they quickly moved the food products to the covered haven of the buildings entrance.

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor of Bridgeton and President/CEO of Gateway CAP, along with Edward Bethea, Gateway Executive Vice President and COO, and Marcus Weaver, Gateway Director of Agriculture and Food Initiatives, were present to assist with the distribution. Lieutenant Kamil J. Warraich, president of MALEA was happy for the collaboration.

Chip's Cross-Country Training Tour Visits River's Edge Head Start



Staff at River's Edge Head Start had the chance to meet Chip, the ChildPlus mascot, on his Cross-Country Training Tour. The ChildPlus tour bus stopped by the River's Edge campus for a meet and greet on its way to Atlantic City for the July 12 tour stop. The ChildPlus software is what makes data management at Gateway's Head Start and Early Head Start centers easier. From record keeping to staying in touch with parents, ChildPlus offers a variety of comprehensive features and services to Head Start centers across the United States. To learn more, follow the link below!

[Learn More Here](#)

Empowering Communities: A First-Month Update On E-Bike Pilot Program



Blog post by Cassandra Avila, Southeast Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization Assistant

We are thrilled to provide an update on the progress of our E-Bike pilot program in Bridgeton's Southeast Gateway community. This initiative aims to address transportation challenges and promote sustainable mobility options. As we conclude our first month, we are delighted to share our achievements, impact, and vision for the future.

Collaboration is critical to our program's success. Over the past month, the Rutgers and Southeast Gateway teams have diligently established partnerships that form the foundation of our E-Bike pilot program. We are grateful for the support of local organizations, including Mojo Bikes, our trusted bike vendor and repair shop.

Our efforts to engage the Community have been met with enthusiasm. The announcement of our E-Bike program at the Southeast Gateway's June Job and Resource Fair generated significant interest. Attendees had the opportunity to experience an E-Bike firsthand, complete applications, and have their questions answered. We distributed around 25 applications on that day alone.

Despite encountering some challenges, such as time constraints in preparing for the fair, we successfully navigated through them. The Rutgers and Southeast Gateway teams worked together to ensure all necessary documentation was prepared and translated into Spanish to accommodate our Spanish-speaking population.

We take immense pride in witnessing the positive impact of our program in its initial stages. The E-Bike initiative addresses transportation challenges and promotes physical and mental well-being among participants. By broadening horizons and providing access to new opportunities, we create a more inclusive and vibrant community.

We look forward to reviewing applications and selecting our first ten participants for the pilot program in the coming month. These individuals will receive personalized communication regarding their acceptance. Their participation marks a significant milestone as we embark on the transformative journey of empowering our Community through sustainable transportation options.

Our E-Bike pilot program has made remarkable progress in its first month, thanks to the dedication and support of our partners, community members, and team. We remain committed to this journey, seeking innovative solutions and fostering a bike-friendly city that benefits all residents. Stay tuned for further updates as we continue empowering our Community one pedal at a time.

Coaching Boys Into Men Training Hosted At Marino Center



The Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) program hosted a training at the Marino Center on July 26 that was open to anyone working with males ages 12-24. The two-hour session featured a deep-dive into the curriculum, which is geared towards changing the lives and outlooks of young men, especially those involved in sports. CBIM focuses on a variety of topics, including but not limited to promoting positive mental health, gender equity, and building respectful and non-violent relationships.

The CBIM training session was presented by Dom Williams, NFL Alumnus and Motivational Speaker, Jarett Mutts, Photographer and Travel Agent, and Ernesto Perez, Army Veteran and Professional Fighter. Each of these men share lived experience with the boys their program seeks to help, from sports involvement to witnessing violence and the need for change within the communities they grew up and currently serve.

Attendees received an information packet including the CBIM card series, which offers prompts for weekly 15-minute talks with the young men they coach or teach. To learn more about CBIM, click the button below.

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**Join Us For Southeast Gateway's CommUNITY Day
On August 19**



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CommUNITY Day

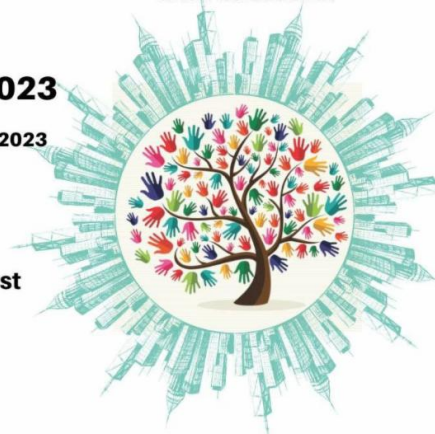
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11am -3pm

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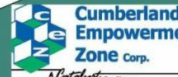
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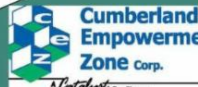
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Save the Date!

Join us for an incredible day of unity, fun, and celebration at our upcoming CommUNITY Day on August 19th from 11:00am - 3:00pm at the Riverfront Plaza between Broad St. and Commerce St. in Bridgeton, NJ.

Experience a day filled with exciting activities for all ages including live performances, face painting, food trucks and tastings, kids' games, dance performances, and much more! This is an event you won't want to miss! It's a chance for our community to come together, build connections, and celebrate our diversity.

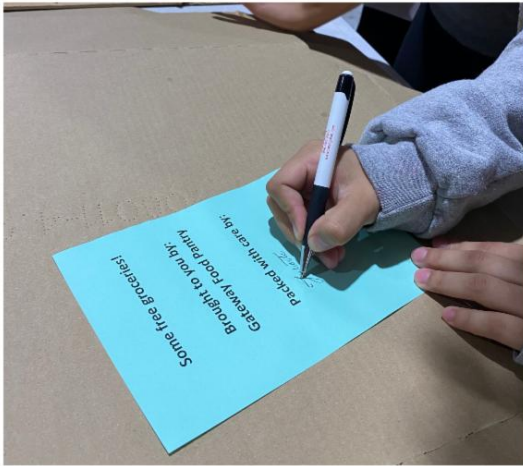
Join Us For Our 36th Anniversary Gala This November



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's Food Pantry Hosts DCF Regional School Student Volunteers



A group of students from DCF Regional School had the opportunity to help out at Gateway's food pantry by packing food boxes and delivering them to the residents of Riverwalk Senior Apartments in Bridgeton. Two more groups of DCF students are set to assist at the food pantry in coming weeks. To learn more about how DCF Regional School helps change the lives of students ages 13-21 in Cumberland County, click the button below.

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Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Jennifer Roman, WIC Admin/Outreach Clerk
Kimberly Rodriguez, HEA/USF Tech
Brianna Shephard, Sub Teacher's Assistant
Diamond Jones, Floating Teacher's Assistant
Abigail Marroquin, Floating Teacher's Assistant
Rosalinda Martinez, Sub Teacher's Assistant
Samantha Clauser, Sub Teacher's Assistant

Elena Rucuch Cruz, Sub Teacher's Assistant
Katty Faciolince Ardila, EHS Group Teacher In Training
Ana Flores Navedo, EHS Group Teacher
Amour Bethea, Clinical Assistant
Kneisha Oglesby, HS Teacher Assistant

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