

COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS AND GENESEE

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



Our mission:

To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient

Hello Team:

Autumn is here and things sure cooled down quickly. Before you know it, we will be in our busy holiday season. Last week, Jackie and I had the opportunity to travel to Buffalo to receive an award from the Highmark Blue Fund which will support a new program called Food Rx: Stone Soup Success. Our plan for this project is to improve health outcomes in Orleans county by increasing access to healthy food but also by ensuring people have the tools and knowledge to prepare tasty meals with the food that is available. We are partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans in this effort and give special thanks to Matt Holland of The United Way of Orleans County for assisting us in writing the grant. In the story “Stone Soup” a delicious soup emerged as different ingredients were found even though in the beginning of the story all that was available was a stone, a pot, and some water. Ingredients came about through generosity and eventually something wonderful came about when at first, they thought they had nothing. We currently offer “Pop Up” pantry food distributions but sometimes find that people don’t know how to prepare some of the ingredients. Other times they may not have the tools and utensils to prepare a meal. This program will arm people with the tools, the knowledge, and the access to healthy and nutritious ingredients and at the same time benefit our local farmers and our community. Prescriptions for healthy food items will encourage people to make healthy choices and our hope is this will contribute to healthier people with better health outcomes. Here is a link to a press release about all of the winners.

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2022/09/22/highmark-blue-cross-blue-shield-donates-millions-to-16-non-profits->

We saw some very impressive projects and are proud to be among the 16 winners selected from hundreds of applicants.

Another exciting topic is that we are the recipient of an Innovation Award for our Axis of Care Program. The Directors team and I attended the NYSCAA conference where the award was presented. We are grateful for this honor and had a great week. I co-presented about our program with our partners at Continual Care Solutions, the creator of ImPowr. In addition, Melinda and I were honored to be asked to participate in a recorded panel discussion about Community Action. This recording will be available at NYSCAA Learns in the near future. I will be sure to let you know when it is available.

Just a reminder, I have been working with our fiscal team to update our Fiscal Policy. This is the place to look for processes on expenditures, approval levels, accounting structure, and document retention schedules. Look for a communication and link to the manual in October.

Also coming soon will be a name change contest for the Main Street Store. We will be asking customers to stop in, look around, and come up with ideas for a fresh new name that tells the world how it is SO much more than a thrift store. Stay tuned for details.

As always, thank you for all that you do. Together we are making our communities stronger, healthier, and resilient!

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Be Well!
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A graphic for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The background is a light pink gradient. At the top, the word "OCTOBER" is written in large, white, serif capital letters, repeated three times in a staggered, overlapping fashion. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of three women with dark hair, one of whom is performing a breast self-exam on another. Below the illustration, the text "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath that, the phrase "Remember the importance of" is written in a smaller, black, cursive font, followed by "SELF EXAMS & MAMMOGRAMS" in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom center, there is a white rectangular box containing the "ACT" logo, which consists of the letters "ACT" in white on a blue circular background. Below the logo, the text "Helping Youth ACT Responsibly" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font, with "ACTprogram.org" in an even smaller font below it. Two pink ribbons are positioned at the bottom left and bottom right corners of the graphic.

Halloween Party



Where: Holley Community Center

75 Public Square

Holley, NY 14470

When: October 29th 2022

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Kids Ages: 0-14

Costume Contest!

Donuts and Cider will be provided

