

**COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS AND GENESEE**  
**EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER**



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Our mission:

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

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Hello Team:

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend some relaxing time with friends and family. It's time to look forward to an exciting new year for our agency.

In 2023, we will begin an employee of the month program. Our Director of Operations, Jackie Dunham will soon communicate details. During the first quarter we will be moving to a new and improved fiscal system called Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT that will enable us to be more efficient, accurate, and have better oversight over finances. Other projects include refining job descriptions and working toward defining specific pay ranges for roles. It is important that we build in pathways for growth.

Through the new year we will be exploring new ways to generate revenue that can help us to build capacity and strengthen our agency. Some of our sister agencies have done things like purchase a taxi cab company, create a food service program for local hospitals, and some outsource their training resources. Let your manager know if you have ideas!

In January, we expect to close the deal on our sale of our West State Street garage property and we continue to explore possibilities for consolidating our Orleans county operations into one main building. Our Food Rx: Stone Soup Success program which we partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension will be ramping up in early 2023 as well as our Exhale Respite program which is in partnership with the Medina YMCA. Finally, our Axis of Care program in Holley continues and we just received word that we can resume Mobile Health Unit medical visits in January.

We are working to strengthen our partnership with OCALS Learning Services. <https://ocals.org/>. OCALS provides free one-to-one tutoring in adult and child literacy, basic conversational English literacy, and even math literacy. Referrals to OCALS have been added to our ImPowr system. Should you be working with an individual or family which could benefit from this service, please document the referral in ImPowr and refer the customer to Kathleen Punch at [katch220@yahoo.com](mailto:katch220@yahoo.com) or 585 590-1292.

Our mission is to help people to become self-sufficient. In 2023, we will continue to expand our services toolbox and broaden our partnerships to better help those who are working hard to overcome financial insecurity.

A new year is a time for hope and possibilities. Thank you for all that you do for our agency and our communities.

Be Part of the Solution

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ABATE  
 Albion Correctional Facility  
 Albion High School Faculty  
 Albion Middle School  
 Albion Soup Kitchen  
 Aldrich, Richard  
 Andrews, Harleigh  
 Ascension Parish  
 Auricchio, Michelle  
 B.J.'s  
 Baker, Alyssa  
 Baker, Patricia E  
 Barclay, Anna Marie  
 Barre Center Presbyterian Church  
 Basil, Madeline  
 Batavia Business and Professional Womens Club  
 Bennett, Judy  
 Bishop, Dylan  
 Bokman, Michele  
 Bourke, Christopher M  
 Brasted, Monica  
 Brennan, Beverly  
 Brittan, Jamal  
 Bropst, Jerry  
 Buongiorno, Dan  
 Burdick, Christine  
 Bush, Amy  
 Canal Corner Excavating  
 Carney, Laurel  
 Case Farms Chicken  
 Child Welfare Association of Orleans County  
 Christ Episcopal Church  
 Clarke, Kathleen  
 Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans Co  
 Culhane, Elaine M  
 Cummings, Patricia  
 Dapore, Joette  
 Deacons of First Baptist  
 Declerk, Cary  
 Defendorf, Robert  
 Densmore, Ashley  
 Dezen, Audrey  
 Dicarlo, Beverly  
 Dick, John  
 Dickinson, Ralph  
 Downey, Anne & Bill  
 Dreyfus, Michael & Kathleen  
 Dumrese, John  
 Eagle, Cassandra  
 Ellison, John  
 Elmore, Maureen  
 Emma Reed Webster Aid Association Inc



**We would like to express our deepest gratitude for all your contributions in 2022. In addition to the list there are a number of donors who have chosen to remain anonymous.**

Farnham, Robert  
 Farrell, Mary  
 Fatcherk, Rosemary  
 Fearby Family  
 First Baptist Church  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Fit Fuel  
 FoodLink  
 Fortman, Carol  
 Fox, Kathleen A  
 Fragnito, Patty  
 Full Gospel Tabernacle Church  
 Fuller, Richard  
 Gaines Carlton Community Church  
 Genesee County Highway Department  
 Gillman, Susan  
 Gitsis, Maria  
 Goudreau, Michelle  
 Graf, Marie K  
 Grammatico, Matthew  
 Hancock, Barbara  
 Hanley, Diana L  
 Henry, Lorie  
 Heyen, Hannelore G  
 Hobbs Greenlee, Linda  
 Holy Family Roman Catholic Parish  
 Horth, Jason L  
 Huuyler, Bobbi  
 Ivison, Casey  
 JT Auto  
 Jurs, Krista  
 Jurs, Steven  
 Just Giving  
 Kendall United Methodist

Kent, Grace  
 Kentucky Fried Chicken  
 Kenward, Kelly  
 Kimmel, Ann  
 King, John  
 King, Reese  
 Kingston, Patricia  
 Kirkpatrick, Eileen  
 Kovach Allen, Karin  
 Lawrence, David  
 Leach, Rosanne  
 Leadley, Esther  
 Lestorti, Ingrid  
 Liao, Audery  
 Liegey, Valerie  
 Maison Albion  
 Mantin, David  
 Mapon, Connie  
 Mastrella, Carl  
 Matuszak, Richard  
 Mauro, Valerie  
 Maxon, Connie  
 Maxon, Glenn  
 McAllister, Howard  
 McDonalds  
 McRenna, Karen  
 Medina Area Association Of Churches (MAAC)  
 Medina Hospital  
 Meyer, Cindy  
 Miller, Brenda  
 Miller, Penny  
 Milner, Beverly A  
 Moukas, Victoria  
 Narleigh, Seanie  
 National Night Out Event  
 Network for good

O'Kussick, Yvonne  
 Orleans County Correctional  
 Orleans County Health Department  
 Patt, Debbie  
 Pearles, Kerry  
 Peglow, Sandy  
 Pellegrino, Debbie  
 Penna, Mae  
 Penna, Terri  
 Pirate Toy Fund  
 Pork, Jeanette  
 Post, Brenda  
 Privett, Bill  
 Prue, Daryl  
 Quichocho, Theresita  
 Ramsey, Shawn  
 Reininger, Nancy  
 Reitter, Mark  
 Rivoli, Anna  
 Robishaw, E  
 Rodrigues  
 Salvation Army  
 Satkowski, Lynn  
 Scanlan, John F Jr  
 Scroope, Julia  
 Shenck, Marjorie  
 Short, Francis  
 Short, Frank  
 Short, Joanne  
 Smith, Katie M  
 Smith, Kelly  
 Sniatecki, Jessic  
 St Bridgets  
 St Paul Lutheran Church  
 St Peter Evangelical Lutheran  
 St. Pauls Episcopal Church  
 Target  
 Thomason, Joan  
 Tops Market  
 Tully's Batavia  
 United Way of Greater Rochester & Fingerlakes  
 USPS  
 Vanhoy, Billie Jo  
 Village Inn  
 Wahl, Julianna  
 Walker, Ann Lee  
 Walmart  
 Warner, Rand  
 Wegmans  
 Welch, Donald  
 West Barre United Methodist Church  
 Wheat, Sharon  
 Wilson, Elton  
 Zaczek, Robin



## **Parade of Lights Toy Drive in Medina Fills 16 Large Bags & Collects \$160.00**



MEDINA – The 6th annual Parade of Lights Toy Drive resulted in sixteen big bags filled with donated toys and \$160.00 in donations. Canalside Tattoo was the collection point for the donations. Pictured from left include Matt Rolfe, Shawn Ramsey, owner Canalside Tattoo and organizer of the effort, Megan Furness, CJ Cruickshank, James Christian and Andrew London.

The toys and money were given to MAAC and Community Action, which then distribute the toys to many local children



Pictured left to right include Community Action of Orleans and Genesee, Inc. representatives: Melinda Daniels, Richard Standish, Jacquelyn Dunham, Ernest Gurrslin, Quarmaine Winters and Sherry Touhey of MACC, representing Medina Area Association of Churches.

We are extremely grateful to the community and to Canalside Tattoo for making sure more children will experience a better Christmas this year, every gift and every penny is appreciated.



# Albion News

## FFA DAY

December 10, 2022



**Albion Middle  
School Volunteers  
Packed 150 Holiday  
Food Bags**





# Volunteers Sorted and Organized Toys for 100 Local Children



**Community Action of Orleans and Genesee partner with Ministry of Concern to help get gifts out to children and families this holiday season.**



# Volunteers Packed 100 Harvest Food Bags





# Holley News

## Eastern Orleans Community Center



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Holley Honor Society handed out food and gifts at the Eastern Orleans Community Center.

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## Breakfast With Santa!



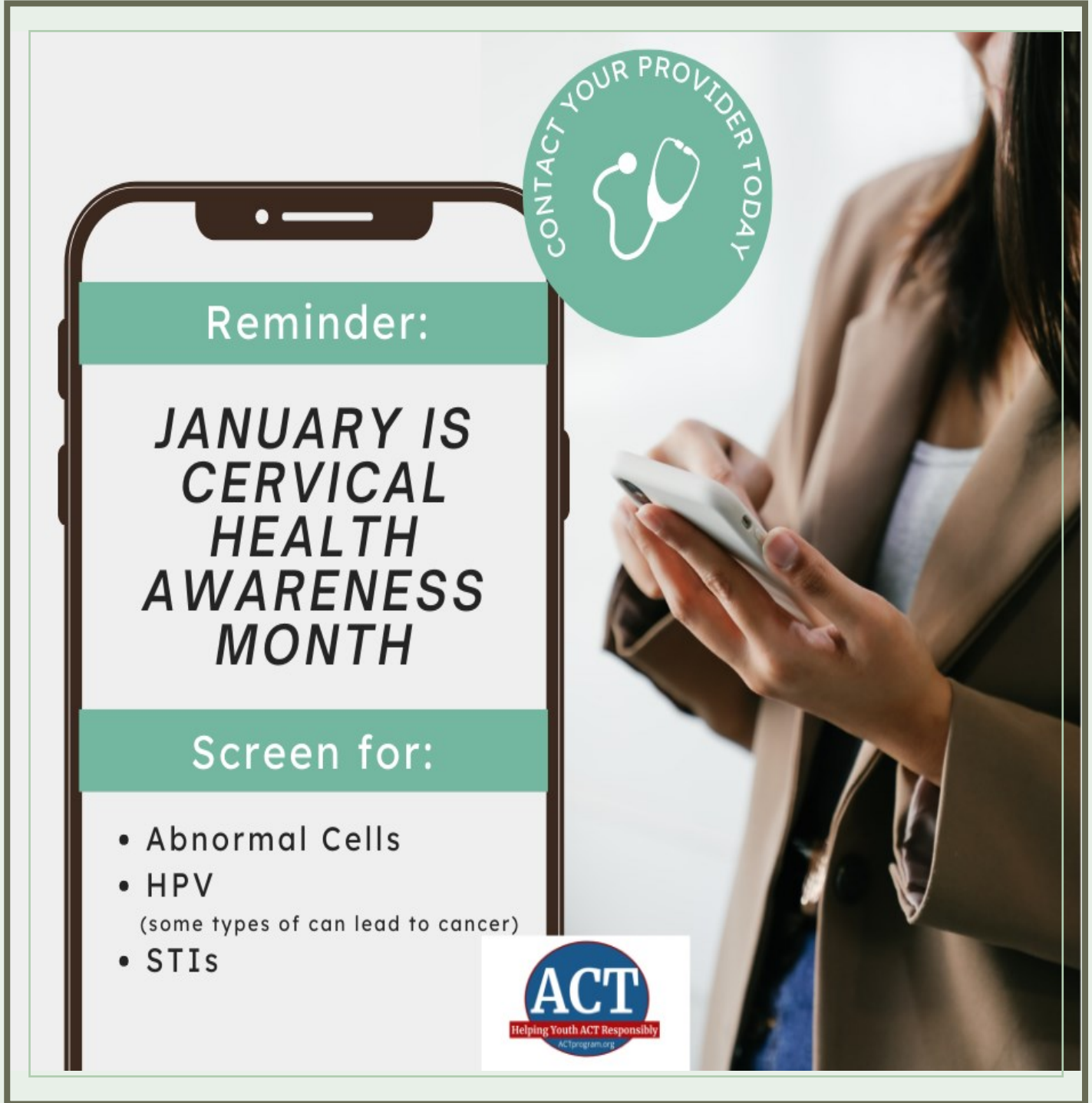


# Batavia News

The Western New York Tech Academy students 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a volunteer day where Community Action hosted students on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to get some volunteer experience. Students organized clothes, sorted toys, and made food boxes.








**Reminder:**

**JANUARY IS  
CERVICAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

**Screen for:**

- Abnormal Cells
- HPV  
(some types of can lead to cancer)
- STIs

**CONTACT YOUR PROVIDER TODAY**



# Main Street Store

EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT!



You have questions, we have answers.

CURRENT Community Action Employees

Will receive 30% off EVERY TIME they visit the store.



**BIG SALES FOR  
JANUARY**

1.4.23- Christmas Room 50% off

1.6.23- Furniture 50% off

1.13.23 - 1.14.23- Fill a bag INFANT CLOTHES \$5

1.19.23- Dishes 25% off

1.21.23- BOGO Chairs

1.27.23- Table/Desks 30% off

**ALL MONTH LONG!**

**IF YOU BRING US A DONATION OF BAGS**

**YOU WILL RECEIVE A 15% off coupon to use on a future purchase!**