

Agency Newsletter

May 1st 2024

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee

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

Hello Team:

Happy Community Action Month and 60th Year Anniversary of Community Action!

I hope you have had a chance to see some of our celebratory billboards in Orleans and Genesee county. We appreciate the Orleans and Genesee County Legislators for proclaiming May as Community Action Month and also commemorating our 60th. Here is a link to the Orleans Hub story on the proclamation: [Community Action congratulated on 60th anniversary in US, 59 years in Orleans | Orleans Hub](#)
We will be receiving the Genesee county award on May 22nd. Thank you to Jan Albanese for organizing our 60th anniversary activities.

As previously announced several months ago, we put out a survey asking for ideas of things we could do to make our agency a more attractive place to work. Based on your ideas, the Personnel Committee formulated a proposal that has since been approved by our Board of Directors. Effective 5/1/2024, our agency will officially recognize December 24th (Christmas Eve) and December 31st (New Years Eve) as paid holidays. Many thanks to our Board of Directors for this wonderful added "perk".

I forgot to mention last month that in March, I was invited to our Batavia Head Start and Early Head Start to read to the children in celebration of Read Across America. It was a great experience and really gave me a clear perspective of what our teacher experience on a daily basis. Wrangling a room full of children is quite the task and completely exhausting!! I respect and admire those who are taking care of our Head Start children. Your dedication is clear. Thank you to all of you and a special thanks to Nevada Dressel for inviting me.

Last month I mentioned the podcast that I participated in to discuss Population Health. You can listen to that here: [Pop Health Podcast: Empowering CBOs with Data on Apple Podcasts](#)

As a reminder....June 14th is our annual in-service. We are going to have speakers from all agency programs so we can all learn what each program offers so we can better work together as a team to provide wraparound support to our customers. I am looking forward to seeing all of you. Thank you for all that you do!

Be Part of the Solution!

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Orleans & Genesee

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Alishia Foss

Alishia joined our agency as a CCR&R Specialist and Trainer in March 2022. Since then she has shown an interest in all parts of the agency and been willing to help in any way she can. She is friendly, professional and willing to do whatever she can for anyone. She is willing to share any/all agency information at events and meetings. Even while taking care of her own job duties, she reaches out to others to see if she can help or make things easier. This has been especially evident recently. She has filled in when needed/asked for Batavia HS staffing, she has assisted EHSCCP (very short-staffed) with tasks and errands others could not accomplish, including at our Partner sites, she was extremely helpful in getting the new phone systems installed in Batavia when most staff were on vacation, and she does what ever she can to help the Genesee Case Management Services while they are short staffed. It doesn't matter to her if it is answering a door or covering a shift, she does it with a willing heart, a professional attitude and a smile!

I believe you have all heard the definition of a TEAM- Together Everyone Achieves More, Alishia's behavior exemplifies this! Her care and concern for those we serve and for her agency co-workers is an example for all of us!

Thank -you Alishia for being on our TEAM!!!!



May 2024

Community Action Congratulated on 60th anniversary in US.



Photo by Tom Rivers: Renee Hungerford, executive director of Community Action of Orleans and Genesee, accepted a proclamation from County Legislator Don Allport on Tuesday evening. The Legislature proclaimed May as "Community Action Month" and also commended the agency for its 60th anniversary. Other agency officials in photo include Bonnie Malakie, Director of Children & Youth Services; Barb Shine, chairwoman of the board of directors; Tina Schleede, chief financial officer; Katrina Chaffee, Director of Community Services and Reporting; and Bruce Schmidt, vice chairman of the board.

By Ginny Kropf, correspondent

ALBION – The Orleans County Legislature on Tuesday presented a proclamation in honor of Community Action’s 60th anniversary and also May as Community Action month.

“We are grateful to Orleans County for this proclamation, and we are proud of the work we do for our community,” said Community Action’s director Renee Hungerford.

Hungerford explained Community Action agencies connect millions of individuals and families for greater opportunity, transforming their lives and making communities – and the nation – stronger. In 2020, the year impacted by Covid-19, Community Action nationwide served more than 9.5 million people (or 26 % of the 37.2 million Americans living in poverty).

Last year, Community Action of Orleans and Genesee assisted over 4,000 individuals to help them overcome the impacts of poverty and to work toward achieving self-sufficiency.

Highlights from 2023 include: 4,021 individuals assisted; 1,541 benefited from food pantries; 5,405 meals served at the Holley center; 288 children and families supported by Head Start programs; 96 homes weatherized; 311 individuals assisted to avoid eviction; 421 adolescents received education on making good life choices through ACT; and 2,739 received transportation trips.

Helping people in need has been the focus of Community Action agencies throughout the country since President Lyndon Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964.

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His speech in January of that year paved the way for fighting the “war on poverty,” and led to his signing the Economic Opportunity Act, which became the initial funding source for what are now Community Action agencies.

“We are proud of the work we do to continue to fight President Johnson’s War on Poverty,” Hungerford said. “I am grateful to Orleans County legislature for their support of our agency and the important work we do to raise up the communities that we assist. Also, many thanks to the donors and volunteers who help make our positive outcomes possible.”

This year is the 60th anniversary of Community Action agencies nationwide. It is the 59th anniversary of the establishment of Community Action in Orleans County.

It was 1965 when chairman of the Orleans County Board of Supervisors, Raymond Pahura, appointed a committee to study ways in which Orleans County might benefit from the Economic Opportunity Act (War on Poverty).

Arden McAllister, a Medina history teacher who represented the Migrant Ministry, was named temporary chairperson of that committee. An action committee was also formed which included Clayton Scharping, sanitary inspector; Arthur Nenni, Welfare Commissioner; and Zelma Duckett of the Migrant Ministry. This committee was formed to study local needs for housing, migrant labor and youth training, as well as problems facing older Americans.

In June of that year, the Rev. Jack Smith of Christ Episcopal Church in Albion was appointed the first chairman of the newly formed Orleans Community Action Committee, with programs funded with 90 percent Federal funds and Orleans County contributing 10 percent. Vice chair was the Rev. Johnnie Johnson from Shiloh Baptist Church, secretary was Zelma Duckett and treasurer was Paul Bower, a bank official in Albion.

In July, 1965, Jerim Klapper was selected as the first executive director, and under the anti-poverty programs the following were begun: Head Start, Family Planning, Legal Aid, Neighborhood Youth Corps and People’s Opportunity. The agency was incorporated on Sept. 13, 1965.

Head Start and later Children’s Health Assurance Program were formed to teach children and help with good health practices. Next came the Eastern Orleans Community Center – Community Action’s satellite office in Holley, to assist with senior citizens and pre-schoolers.

This was followed by Community Action Transportation System (CATS) to transport senior citizens, and Community Action Resource and Educational Service (CARES), which was a mobile van traveling the county to inform residents of the programs available under the newly formed Orleans Community Action Committee.

Since 1965, many programs have spun off and many new programs were developed. After Klapper resigned in 1968, David Bower became executive director until 1970, followed by Emma Ford until 1972, at which time Charles Pulley took over the helm until 1992.

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Upon his retirement, deputy director James Scharping became executive director. He retired in Sept. 30, 2005 and Edward Fancher, who was then operations director, became executive director. Sadly, in May 2020, Fancher died after a courageous battle with cancer. Renee Hungerford joined the agency as executive director in October 2020.

“Now, more than 50 years later, we have grown to be an agency with an operating budget of more than \$7 million and employ more than 130 people,” Hungerford said.

The agency serves both Orleans and Genesee counties with sites in Albion, Holley, Medina, Kendall and Batavia. The agency began providing services in Genesee County in the 1970s, and was officially designated as the Community Action agency in Genesee County in 1988. In 2008, the legal name was changed to Community Action of Orleans and Genesee to better reflect the service area.

Programs they operate are CATS, Emergency Services, food pantry, weatherization, child care resource and referral, ACT, job skills and budgeting workshops, tax assistance, a thrift store and employment skills training site, and have expanded Head Start to include Early Head Start. They collaborate with other local agencies, such as United Way, Ministry of Concern, Department of Social Services in Genesee and Orleans counties, Office for the Aging, Red Cross and many more.

“As we continue to grow, we are increasing our efforts on becoming a data driven, results oriented organization,” Hungerford said. “This enables us to measure our impact and ensure resources are directed toward the greatest needs of our communities and the mission of helping people become self-sufficient.”

Watch our Website and Social Media for other May Anniversary happenings.

**Can you find our four (4) billboards
in Orleans & Genesee Counties?**



Community Action's Mission Statement

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



Community Action's 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.

**The Agency will be closed on
Monday, May 27, 2024
In honor of Memorial Day.**



Congratulations

On the birth of

Tucker Stephen Graton



Artie, Stacie and baby Tucker

Tucker is now settled in at home with Mom and Dad. Stacie is EHSCCP Manager, practicing on her own boy everything she has told others over her years with the program.



**Born 4:31 pm
April 9, 2024
5lbs, 5 ounces
19.5 inches long**





ALBION EMERGENCY SERVICES WALK-IN HOURS

409 East State Street, Albion, NY

Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 12pm

Alternate times are available
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
(585) 589-5605




NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES WALK-IN HOURS Batavia

Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 12pm

Alternate times are available
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
585-343-7798

Food Distribution

Municipal Parking Lot
165 South Platt Street, Albion, NY 14411



9:00 AM - until gone

(Due to traffic issues, please do NOT line up prior to 7:30 AM!!)

Family information is required. In order to keep the distribution coming to our community we have to report on those served.

2024 Scheduled Dates:

All are Mondays

- * January 22nd
- * February 12th
- * March 11th
- * April 15th (note new date!)
- * May 13th
- * June 10th



Next Event, Save-the-Date



Questions: please call (585) 589-5605 x 103



Use this QR code to see the latest Job Opportunities at Community Action.

-or- visit our Website (caoginc.org) and look under the 'Join Our Team' tab.

Start a New Career Today!

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee, Inc
is hiring!



CCR&R Orleans (585) 589-5088

CCR&R Genesee (585) 343-7727

Child Care Resource and Referral is here to help you!

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) supports parents and families, child care providers, businesses and community partners by providing the following services:

Parents and Families:

- Provide listing of local child care programs based upon family need
- Inform about child development, early learning and quality child care
- Give information about state licensing requirements
- Share information about the Child Care Assistance program (Subsidy) administered by Department of Social Services

Child Care Provider:

- Support through licensing process
- Assist with compliance issues and increase/ improve quality
- Provide convenient and flexible on site staff trainings
- Free assistance with Health Care Plans

Businesses and Community Partners:

- Share information about child care needs and availability in area
- Work with employers to support employee child care needs
- Advocate for quality child care and early childhood workforce





Photos courtesy of Kelly Kiebala: Pictured from left include Albion Rotary Club secretary and sponsor Bonnie Malakie, new Club Member Taryn Moyle, Rotary District 7090 Governor Scott Marcin, Albion Club President & sponsor Doug Farley, and new club member Bill Lattin.

On April 18 Taryn Moyle, CCR&R Manager was inducted into Albion Rotary Club. Community Action Leadership has consistently been a part of Albion Rotary for over 30 years (Ed Fancher previously and Bonnie Malakie, since 2002). “ Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.” The Albion Rotary Club has been in existence for over 100 years. The Club meets at least twice monthly, and focuses on the following international avenues of service: Club Service; Vocational Service; Community Service; International Service; Youth Service. Club Members serve regularly to make sure these areas are covered. Locally, Albion Rotary supports the Albion Interact Club (Youth Service branch of Rotary) in the Albion School District, sponsors the Strawberry Festival, holds fundraising events annually that support various local agencies and programs (ex. Office for the Aging, Community Action, Youth Sports, etc). Local Clubs have oversight from District and International Leadership. All Rotarians volunteer their time and talents to strengthen relationships and the communities they live in as well as world causes. Internationally Rotary is best known for its long-standing commitment to the eradication of polio (over 99.5% worldwide). Taryn has been involved in many community groups and programs over the years (both work related and personally). She enjoys volunteer work and is committed to doing what she can to make our service area a better place for all to live and grow. I’m proud to be the sponsor for Taryn in the Albion Rotary Club and confident she will represent Community Action very well in this important local service Club.

Bonnie

Congratulations Taryn!



Heather Guido is a Family/Community Partnership Specialist in the EHSCCP Program.

She received her Master's of Science in Human Services from Purdue University in January 2024. This is a great honor and was difficult to accomplish with work and family as well as school!



Heather!



LET THE SUN SHINE AND GOOD TIMES THRIVE!

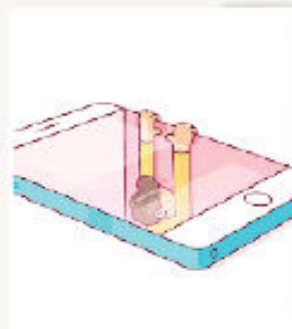
MAY

SIGNING OFF: SOCIALS

DID YOU KNOW?

MAKING OFFLINE SOCIAL CONNECTIONS:

can reduce the negative effects of internet use on mental health such as social anxiety and depression



RESEARCH HAS REVEALED THAT ENGAGING IN ELECTRONIC-BASED SOCIAL MEDIA

can **INCREASE** the likelihood of experiencing:

- Lower self-esteem
- Internet addiction
- Aggravation of mental health problems

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO LEAVE YOUR
PHONE BEHIND**



Discover yourself!



Head Start in Medina donates food, toiletries to Hands for Hope

By Ginny Kropf, correspondent Posted 28 April 2024 at 8:18 am



MEDINA – Staff from the Head Start in Medina recently collected all kinds of food items, toiletries and more for the Hands for Hope ministry, led by Jack Burris of Albion.

Front row, from left, are Tabitha Miller, Cara Wachob, Nicole Struble and Jack Burris. Second row, from left, are Linda Scurry, Randi Watts, Christina DeBoard, Arika Grasskopf, Theresa Annecharico, Laura Fields, Sharon Wright and Margie Davies.

Each year the Medina staff from Community Action of Orleans and Genesee Head Start work together to collect and donate items for a local organization.

This year, they reached out to Burris and presented Hands for Hope with a collection of food items, as well as toiletries, such as shampoo, conditioners, lotions, razors and other items.

They met with Burris on March 26 to present him with their gifts for Hands for Hope.

May

Main Street Corner
— Thrifts, Gifts and More —

2024

Sales Calendar

Store Hours

131 S. Main Street, Albion, New York
(585) 589-1430

Wednesday : 11 AM to 4 PM (Donations 11 AM to 3 PM)

Thursday : 11 A M to 5 :30 PM (Donations 11 AM to 3 PM)

Friday : 11 AM to 5 :30 PM (Donations 11 AM to 3 PM)

Saturday : 10 :30 AM to 3 Pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ BOGO Shoes	² Knick Knacks 15% off	³ BOGO Dishes	⁴ Small Appliances 30% off
⁵	⁶	⁷	⁸ Fill a bag- Books \$5	⁹ Electronics 15% off	¹⁰ Pots and Pans 15% off	¹¹ Mothers Day Special Make a Basket for Mom \$5
¹²	¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵ Kids toys 20% off	¹⁶ Flower Vases 50% off	¹⁷ BOGO Clothing	¹⁸ One Stop 50% off
¹⁹	²⁰	²¹	²² Furniture 30% off	²³ Glassware 30% off	²⁴ Christmas Section 20% off	²⁵ BOGO Kids Clothes and Shoes
²⁶	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹ Porcelain Dolls 30% off	³⁰ DVD/CD/Computer Games 0.25 each	³¹ Linens 15% off	BOGO Clothing

Are you a Caregiver?



**Please join us for a weekly
Respite Care Program!**

Find us on Facebook at: Caregiver's Revitalize - Orleans County, NY



**1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1 - 4 p.m.
Albion at Christ Church Episcopal
26 S. Main St. Albion, NY 14411**

Please use PARK STREET ENTRANCE ONLY.



**2nd & 4th Thursdays from 1 - 4 p.m.
Community Action's Eastern
Orleans Community Center
75 Public Square. Holley, NY 14470**

**We're offering:
Organized
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caregivers with
supervision for
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**This program
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caregivers in
Orleans County.**

Email: Caregiversrevitalize@gmail.com

Phone: 585-209-9151 or 585-209-3416

**Please email or call for more information, to register your
care recipient or for volunteer opportunities.**



Eastern Orleans Community Center May 2024

75 Public Square in Holley



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jim Q Bday Goulash	2 Baked Pork	3 Baked Fish	4
5	6 Cheese Omelet Hash	7 Tuna Sand- wich	8 Spanish Rice Garden Sal-	9 Ham Sand- wich	10 Pork Roast Mashed Pota-	11
12	13 Mother's Day	14 Egg Salad	15 Spaghetti With	16 Chicken Sal-	17 Mac-N-	18
29	20 Spaghetti	21 Grilled	22 BBQ Chicken	23 Homemade	24 Pasta Sal-	25
26	27 Memorial	28 Hot Dog / Bun	29 Cheesy Chick-	30 Turkey Sand- wich	31 Baked Fish French Fries	
<p>5/6 Ice Cream Social @ 12 hosted by PathStone 5/13 Mother's Day Lunch 11:30am</p> <p>Tuesdays (Chair Aerobics) Wednesdays & Fridays Holley Hustler Walks 1pm</p> <p>5/8 Katie's promote Health Class @10 am 5/22 SNAP Cooking Class @ 10am</p> <p>5/17 Fire Dept does Blood Pressure Checks @ 10:30am</p> <p>5/21-5/23 EDDY Lung Cancer Screenings 9am-2pm</p> <p>BINGO , M,W,F @ 12pm * Food Giveaways on Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-11am*</p> <p>5/23 Rick and Friends Entertain 10:30am-11:30am</p>						

PathStone's Corrections Health Initiative Presents:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Indulge in a delightful experience of flavors, fun, and frozen treats at our Ice Cream Social event to appreciate the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Eastern Orleans Community Center for all they do!

Monday, May 6, 2024

Immediately following lunch service

EASTERN ORLEANS COMMUNITY CENTER

75 Public Square, Holley





Mother's Day Luncheon

Bingo to follow lunch

May 13, 2024

11:00am – 12:00pm

Menu includes: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and Salad

Everyone Welcome



Eastern Orleans Community Center

75 Public Square
Kolley, New York 14470
(585) 688-6895





Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 2—4 p.m.
Genesee County Career Center

Genesee Community College	Living Opportunities of DePaul	Power & Construction Group
Rochester Regional Health	Core The Learning Center	Oetiker NY, Inc.
HP Hood	Tompkins Financial	New York State Police
Community Action of O&G; Childcare Resource and Referral	NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities	STA/Student Transportation of America
Arc GLOW	Chapin International	Orchard Rehab
WNY Crop Management	IBEW Local 86	Fidelis Care
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 3 NY	O-AT-KA Milk Products/ Upstate Niagara Coop.	Central NY Psychiatric Center
Wyoming Co. Community Health System	The Grand Healthcare System	NY Army National Guard
Tops Markets	Genesee Country Village & Museum	Veterans Health Administration
Agri-Business Child Development	Wright Beverage Dist. Corp.	Genesee County Human Resources

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"We're driven by a mission to empower communities to overcome poverty and achieve self-sufficiency"

**POP HEALTH
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Worried about a Loved One?: Firearm Safety for Suicide Prevention

May 9, 2024

5:00PM-6:00PM

**Richmond Memorial
Library- Gallery Room
19 Ross St.
Batavia, NY 14020**



This event is open to the public
and free to attend

E-mail Sara.Andrew@va.gov to register by May 8, 2024

- Empowering family members and loved ones to talk about firearm safety for suicide prevention
- Learn more about firearms, safe storage, and how to have the conversation

Presenters:

- Investigator Erik Andre- Genesee County Sheriff's Office
- Sara Andrew, LCSW- Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator for Suicide Prevention at VA WNY Health Care System

This workshop is not an endorsement of any organization's position on firearms

Spring FLING



**Saturday, May 11, 2024
9 AM - 2 PM**

Location: 529 E. Main Street, Batavia, NY

**JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT
\$5 FILL A BAG**

**Spring/Summer/Fall Clothing & Shoes
Youth/Mens/Womens Sizes
Toys & Household Items**