

Agency Newsletter

July 1st, 2024

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee

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



I hope everyone enjoyed our in-service event. It was a wonderful way for us to all learn about the full program offering of our agency. It was great seeing everyone together. With that, I think you heard enough from me for awhile so I will keep this short and sweet.

As you are already aware, our policy allows me the option to designate one additional holiday closure of the agency each year and since this year, Independence Day falls on a Thursday, I have declared July 5th, 2024 an agency holiday. This is the icing on the cake of us now having Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve added to our agency holidays. Thank you for your commitment to our agency and the communities that we support. I hope you are able to enjoy this extra time off with friends and family during our extended holiday week.

Thank you for all that you do!

Be Part of the Solution!

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Community Action
of
Orleans & Genesee

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Autumn Moore

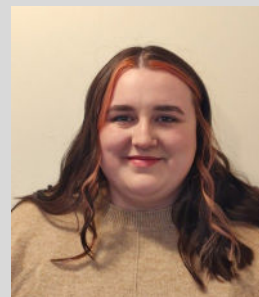
Even though it seems as if she has been at Head Start much longer, Autumn just came on board in October. She quickly developed a strong understanding of her position and demonstrates exceptional competency regarding her job tasks (recruiting, home visiting, case management, etc.).

Autumn is task-oriented - she follows-up on program requirements quickly, communicates with her peers and leadership and easily meets deadlines. She is also very self-motivated - consistently focused on meeting the needs of the children, families and program, maintaining calm during chaos and advocating internally as well as externally for the children and families she serves. What stands out most about Autumn is her positive attitude and willingness to be a team player. She goes above and beyond to help where she can, answering the door and telephone, assisting in classrooms, lending a hand to her partner, etc. Autumn is a true asset to the Batavia Site, Head Start and Community Action.

Most recently, Autumn was working through a difficult situation with a family that also involved other agencies. She accompanied the child / family to a community partner for services, supported the parent and advocated for their needs (and much needed services were secured!!!). When the situation took a turn and case management became more stressful and difficult, Autumn continued to demonstrate professionalism and integrity. She provided documentation the multiple times it was requested and answered frequent questions about program procedures. All the while, Autumn maintained communication with Leadership and asked questions when she was unsure how to proceed. Again, her focus was on the child / family and program.

Autumn is a true professional!

July 2024





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.



Please join me in welcoming Lisa Elschker as our new HR Generalist. She brings a lot of experience to our team and we are excited to have her here.

Stop by and say hello if you have time.

Tina Schleede

Director of Finance & Administration/CFO



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!





The Agency will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th, 2024
- AND -
Friday, July 5th, 2024





Family Strong



a FREE summer program for families with youth aged 12-18

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Certification

Presented by Compeer Buffalo

Wednesday, July 17th from 9:30am - 2:30pm

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) is a program that teaches adults the skills and confidence needed to spot signs of mental health issues and addiction in young people aged 8-18, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need

One family member aged 18+ must attend this ONLINE, instructor led course for each youth participating.

To sign up, or for questions, call or text Jeanette at (585)866-5494

Teen Financial Wellness Workshops

Presented by M&T Bank

Basic Banking and Savings for Teens

Wednesday, July 24th

10:30am - 12:30pm - Batavia

1:20 pm - 3:30pm Albion

Understanding Credit Scores & Reports

Wednesday, August 7th

10:30am - 12:30pm - Batavia

1:20 pm - 3:30pm Albion

Attend both and earn \$200!

First Aid/CPR/AED/Naloxone Training

Presented by the American Red Cross

Open to youth aged 12-18!

Wednesday, August 14th

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Medina High School

1 Mustang Drive Medina, NY

14103



Equine Assisted Activities

Presented by Freedom Reins

Occupational Therapy

Eligible participants can select (2)

private one-hour lessons on

Saturdays beginning July 20th.

Sandy Ridge- Wehling Farms

10927 Ridge Rd, Medina, NY 14103

Handicapped accessible!



Summer Recreation Scholarships



Financial assistance is available to help families cover the costs associated with participating in camps, classes, clubs and organized sports. Eligible costs include registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Income eligibility guidelines apply. Applicants must reside Orleans or Genesee Counties.



TO SIGN UP VISIT [CAOGINC.ORG](https://www.caoginc.org)
CALL (585) 589-5605 X101

Documentation Required

- ID for all household members
- Proof of income eligibility
 - a. 2 most recent paystubs
 - OR
 - b. Proof of receipt of SNAP/TANF benefits
- Copy of Registration/Order form

Household/ Family Size	Max Annual Income	Max Monthly Income
1	\$30,120	\$2,510
2	\$40,880	\$3,407
3	\$51,640	\$4,303
4	\$62,400	\$5,200
5	\$73,160	\$6,097
6	\$83,920	\$6,993
7	\$94,680	\$7,890
8	\$105,440	\$8,787





Congratulations to the 2024 High School Graduates

who attended Credit Recovery Class this year. These Students have worked incredibly hard this year and have recovered a combined 63 classes in order to graduate this year. Great job Everyone! Good luck in all of your future endeavors and remember to always believe in yourself as we believe in you.

Vanessa Perez AJ Shaffer Trinity Hartman Brouklyn Lyssy Destiney Edkin
Mikel Skutt Cody Smith Jacob Webb Dylan Fleck

Prom Dress Update

This year we were able to give **53 dresses** to girls who were in need, to attend their prom.

These dresses were given to girls in **Lyndonville, Medina, Albion, Corfu, Holley, and The Batavia School for The Blind** (Multiple Counties were served at this School).



July

Main Street Corner

— Thrifts, Gifts and More —

2024

Sales Calendar

Store Hours

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

Thursday : 11AM – 5 :30PM (Donations 11AM – 3PM)

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

Saturday : 10 :30-3PM

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Summer Clothing Sale BOGO Clothing	CLOSED	CLOSED	BOGO Shoes
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Kids Section 50% off	Knick Knacks 50% off	Glassware 30% off	Electronics 15% off
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			End Tables 15% off	Dishes 15% Off	Miscellaneous Section 15% off	BOGO Craft Section
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Luggage 15 % off	Personal care 15 % off	BOGO Clothing	Fill-A-Bag FOR A PICNIC \$15 ***
28	29	30	31			
			Lamps and Lighting 50% off			

***FILL A BAG FOR A PICNIC: This can be anything you can need for a picnic date including but not limited to- a picnic outfit, dishes, a blanket, a game, a movie etc.

Food Distribution Dates

Municipal Parking Lot

165 S. Platt Street, Albion, NY



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)

- * July 8
- * August 12
- * September 16
- * October 21
- * November 18
- * December 9

**Next Event
Save-the-Date**

July 8th

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





Hello All,

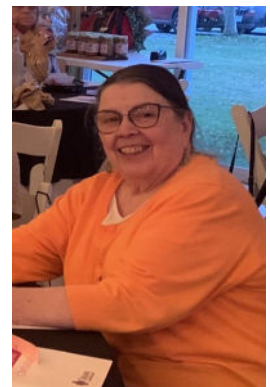
It has been an unusual few months for me at Community Action with numerous **changes**. Many of you have heard me say the only constant thing about Community Action is **change**. In the 24 years I've been at Community Action that has surely been true! We've added new programs and eliminated others. We've shifted focus, increased funding and sometimes even lost funding. New staff have come and some staff have gone. The communities, population and needs have often **changed**. We especially saw this through COVID, one of the biggest **changes** to services many have ever seen. Now I'm faced with a very big **change** in my life, retirement! As I said on June 14, I've been looking forward to this and planning it for the past year. At the same time, it is very difficult to imagine my life without coming to work on a regular basis and being caught up with the excitement, people, programs and yes, even problems that occur regularly. As I was sorting through over 20 years of "stuff" in my office, I was reminded of the difficulties, challenges and successes we've shared during that time. So much of my life has been scheduled around grant deadlines, new program years, and needs of others. But, I would not have **changed** that for anything! I'm happy that I was able to serve in the capacity I did for all of these years. I'm thankful for all the relationships I've built, the things we have been able to accomplish and the difference we have made. We have often been charged with "making lemonade from lemons" and we've done it well 😊!

I want to take just a minute to tell all of you **THANK YOU!!!** Thank you for making my role at Community Action pleasant and fun (at least most of the time). **THANK YOU** for choosing to work at Community Action and supporting the mission and the vision of the agency! **THANK YOU for the difference YOU make**, every single day, no matter what your job is. I am grateful for those I have worked with and have come to know personally (whether for many years or a short period of time). I will cherish our memories, including the struggles, and how effective we have been working together! Because of you, I am able to retire knowing the work we have done in the past will continue to make a difference in the future! Oh yes, there will continue to be **change**, and you will get through it, just like in the past, because you are committed to the mission and vision of the agency and you want to continue making a difference!

THANK YOU for the well-wishes, the gifts, cards, thoughts and expressions of good luck. Mostly **THANK YOU** for being you and for choosing Community Action, as I did so many years ago.

Take good care of yourself and remember that every day you make a difference!

With blessings, love and gratitude,
Bonnie





»» JULY ««



National Picnic Month



RECIPE: LEMON CHICKEN PASTA



»» Ingredients

(Serves 3)

- (1 Box) Farfella/Bowtie Pasta
- 3 skinless chicken breasts
Family size portion, minimum recommendation
- (1) Zucchini chopped
- (1) Yellow Squash chopped
- Olive oil • 3 tablespoons, divided
- Lemon Juice • 1/4 cup (fresh)
- Lemon Zest • 1 teaspoon
- Butter • 4 Tablespoons
- Parmesan Cheese • 1 cup freshly grated

»» Seasonings:

- ☐ Salt & Pepper
- ☐ Onion powder • 1/2 teaspoon
- ☐ Garlic powder • 1 teaspoon
- ☐ Italian seasoning • 1 teaspoon
- ☐ Minced garlic • 3 cloves
- ☐ Fresh parsley • 1/4 cup, chopped

- 1** cook pasta according to package.
- 2** season both sides of chicken while pasta cooks.
seasoning: lemon zest, 1/2 teaspoon EACH of garlic powder, Italian seasoning, & onion powder
- 3** Add olive oil, Medium high heat. once hot add chicken, 3-5 minutes each side, flipping once. Remove chicken to plate, cover in foil to keep warm.
- 4** Add additional oil to pan & add chopped zucchini and yellow squash.
Seasoning: salt, pepper, garlic powder & Italian seasoning; add minced garlic last 30 seconds.
- 5** Add cooked pasta to pan, with butter, lemon juice, and parmesan
Cut up chicken & return to pan, serve and garnish with parsley & additional desired parmesan cheese.



»»» Tastes Better from Scratch

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





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

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
activities,
support, and
respite for
caregivers with
supervision for
those they care
for.**

**This program
is free to all
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 July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Spanish Rice Garden Salad Garlic Bread Peaches	2 Tuna Sandwich Mac Salad Chips Pears	3 Deb R B-day Pulled Pork Sandwich Garden Salad Corn/Carrots Watermelon	4 Holiday Center Closed	5 Center Closed	6
7	8 Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Pie	9 Roast Beef Sandwich Salad Chips Pears	10 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn/Carrots Biscuits	11 Ham Sandwich Soup Chips Peaches	12 Goulash Garden Salad Garlic Bread Cake	13
14	15 Hot Turkey Sand Mashed Potatoes Corn/Carrots Cake	16 Egg Salad Sand. Soup Chips Cookies	17 Chef Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Salad	18 Chicken Salad Sandwich Soup Chips	19 Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Garden Salad Apricots	20
21	22 Spaghetti & Broccoli Salad Garlic Bread	23 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Chips Cookies	24 BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Carrots - Biscuits Garden Salad	25 Turkey Sandwich Garden Salad Chips Peaches	26 Alison S B-day Pasta Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Salad Cake	27
28	29 Cheese Burger Mac Salad Baked Beans Fruit Salad	30 Hot Dog - Bun Mac Salad Chips Cake	31 Spaghetti - Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Salad Pears			
7/15 Office of the Aging Bringing Farmers Market Coupons 11:30am						
7/15 Smoking Cessation Class 12:30pm						
Food Give Away : Mon, Wed, Fri 11am						
7/31 SNAP ED 10:30-11:30am						
Bingo Mon, Wed, Fri @ 12:00pm						

75 Public Square PO Box 206
Holley NY 14477
585-638-6395

Milk, coffee or water provided with meals
A \$2.00 donation is appreciated but not required
Menu is subject to change due to availability of
supplies

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