

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: REMIGIO GALICIA



Remigio Galicia is a resident of New Community Gardens Senior.

Remigio Galicia followed construction jobs throughout the Caribbean and Florida before an injury forced him to stop. He now lives at New Community Gardens Senior, which offers him an affordable place to live.

“He loves to volunteer to help people,” said Sister Prisca Eleanya, care coordinator at Gardens Senior.

Galicia was born in the Dominican Republic. He said he left school to start working at age 13 in order to buy what he wanted.

“I have to work for what I want,” he said.

After a few months at a job planting rice, he decided that wasn’t for him and began working in construction, which he did for many years.

Galicia left the Dominican Republic at age 26 and spent two years in Aruba. After that, he lived for 15 years in Saint Martin. For more construction work, he moved to Saint Croix and Saint Thomas where he lived from 1995 to 2002.

At that time, he made the move to the U.S., settling in Ellenville, N.Y., for two years where he worked at a car dealership cleaning cars and making deliveries.

He moved to Orlando, Fla., after that to work in heavy construction, which he did until 2009 when an accident on that job left him with a broken left hand and an injured back. After that, he was no longer able to work, Galicia said.

Galicia came to New Community Gardens Senior in July 2016 after hearing about it from a friend. He participates in social events and educational presentations, including one about health insurance.

He hopes a job is in his future. While he can no longer do heavy construction work, he says he would like to work driving or in maintenance.

In his free time, Galicia, who turns 65 in October, enjoys watching news and programs like “Walker, Texas Ranger” and “Bonanza.” He also likes to go to the beach and to go saltwater fishing.

Sister Eleanya says Galicia is a gentleman who is jovial and conscientious.

He occasionally drives people to the store and has handed out boxes of food to other Gardens Senior residents.

Eleanya says Galicia is also on time for every activity and displays a positive attitude.

“He’s so friendly to everyone,” she said.