

## NCC Hosts Youth Empowerment Summit



Linden Police Detective Lieutenant Abdul Williams offered insight on how to interact with law enforcement in a positive manner.

When Abdul Williams was a young child, he had a near death experience. One day, a small candy lodged in his throat and he began to choke. His mother, a nurse, called 911 and soon a police officer responded to the scene.

“A white police officer came in and saved my life,” said Williams, who credits the man with inspiring him to join the ranks. Williams is a detective lieutenant at the Linden Police Department.

Williams said he shared his personal story to illustrate that despite rising animosity towards law enforcement, cops are not the enemy. “It’s a very tumultuous time between police and minority communities,” he said.

Williams was one of four presenters that headlined the 2016 Youth Empowerment Summit at New Community organized by the departments of Youth Services, Family Service Bureau and Harmony House.

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## Wendy Williams Brings Holiday Cheer To NCC Families



Talk show host Wendy Williams, seated center, shares a moment with children from New Community.

It’s not every day that Wendy Williams serves you Christmas dinner. More than 200 children and parents from New Community attended a holiday party at St. Joseph Plaza hosted by Williams’ charity called

the Hunter Foundation, for a memorable evening of holiday merriment.

The guests of honor were families from Harmony House, a transitional housing facility for homeless families, and both Community Hills and Harmony House early learning centers.

“I’m so glad to be here with you,” Williams said, upon making her surprise entrance at St. Joseph Plaza.

Williams, who is best known for hosting her namesake talk show “The Wendy Williams Show,” is married to Kevin Hunter. The couple’s charity, the Hunter Foundation, hosted similar holiday events in several locations across New York and New Jersey. They were joined by their son Lil Kev, and served a holiday dinner to more than 200 residents.

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## Heavy Thoughts Entering 2017

Editorial By  
Monsignor William J. Linder

As we enter the New Year, let us take a moment to reflect on all that has unfolded in 2016.

With Donald Trump set to take office on January 20, it is my hope that the national conversation will focus on the key issues surrounding our nation’s new commander-in-chief once he takes over the White House.

The period of time since Trump’s stunning November 8 win has flown by in a blur. The holiday frenzy has now settled down. However, let me be clear that we must not lose sight of the important issues that have yet to be resolved.

Trump’s massive business interest sprawled across 20-plus countries will unavoidably create conflicts of interests. Already, his daughter, Ivanka, has used major network interviews or meetings with heads of state to peddle her fine jewelry line (her \$10,800 bracelet was on display). Trump’s business dealings span real estate, golf resorts and food and beverage and may lead to possible violations of the Constitution, according to legal experts.

Russia’s role in interfering with the presidential election has become a grim reality as the latest news reports have shown. We are living in an era of cyberattacks of the most pernicious sort and the American people deserve more information from the intelligence community. I believe that we need to have some sense of what our capabilities are, as a nation, to protect ourselves from malicious hackers. The Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the dozen other agencies and groups that comprise the intelligence community must act with urgency to cooperate on matters of national security like never before. Our cherished democratic process must not and cannot be undermined by false news stories generated from overseas. These are the discussions we need to have more now than ever.

In terms of the cabinet appointments, I was disappointed, but not surprised, by the lack of diversity offered by Trump’s picks. As reports have noted, his appointments read like a billionaire’s country club members list. And don’t even get me started on the dearth of women or racial diversity. What I find most disturbing of all is how Trump has sought to elevate people who deeply oppose the work of the departments they are tapped to lead.

Let us continue to vigorously press the new administration for more publicly accessible information—on everything from Trump’s slew of conflicting interests to our cyber intelligence capabilities—and let us relearn to read beyond the headline of a news story.

If we learned any collective lessons from 2016, it was that an ill-informed electorate cannot be ignored or underestimated. These conversations must be brought to the forefront of our national discourse.

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## Program For Parents Gifts Early Learning Center

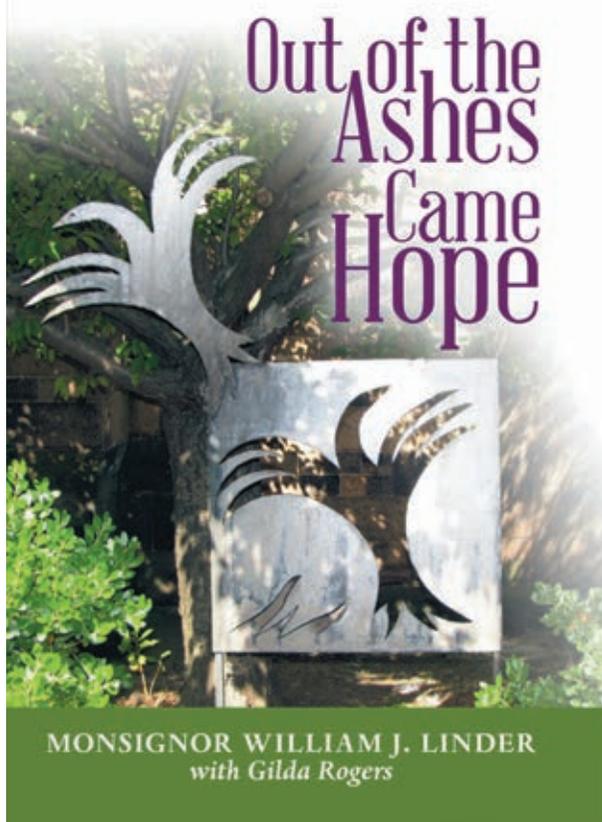


Program For Parents recently visited Harmony House Early Learning Center. From left: Frances Teabout, director of Mission; Denece Young, Program For Parents quality improvement specialist; Beverly Lynn, Program For Parents CEO; Richard Rohrman, CEO of New Community; and Sister Maurice Okoroji, director of HHELCC.



Program For Parents' Beverly Lynn, Denece Young and Amanda Blagman prepared 60 gift bags for students at HHELCC and brought juice and snacks for staff. HHELCC thanks the staff of Program For Parents for their generous donation this holiday season!

## Add 'Out Of The Ashes Came Hope' To Your 2017 Reading List



Did you know that “reading more” is one of the top 10 most popular New Year’s resolutions? That’s according to the data gathered by global consumer research agency Nielsen. In October 2016, New Community’s founder, Monsignor William J. Linder, released his memoir titled, “Out of the Ashes Came Hope.” The 197-page book gives readers insight into the establishment of New Community as a model for neighborhood revitalization as well as glimpses into Monsignor’s fascinating life story, which includes sparring with local politicians, receiving the MacArthur Fellowship and traveling to Northern Ireland years ago with Hillary Clinton. To purchase a copy, call Helen Abraha at 973-497-4400 or buy online at Amazon (available in hardback, paperback and Kindle).

## Poetry And Prose: Nursing Home Activity Assistant Pens Thoughts In Volumes Of Writings



Maurice Okereke, right, activity assistant at New Community Extended Care Facility, shoots a game of pool with resident Lee L. Burgman, left.

Twenty-one years ago, Maurice Okereke experienced what he calls “a spiritual rebirth.”

Since that time, he hasn’t been able to stop putting pen to paper.

Okereke is known to most of his colleagues at New Community Extended Care Facility as the activity assistant with a special gifting for engaging elderly residents. However, Okereke also happens to be a writer who has produced a five-volume collection of spiritually-themed pieces.

“I don’t classify it as poetry even though it has poetic elements to it,” said Okereke, whose collection is titled “Spiritually Intact.”

Writing is a discipline and Okereke said he aims

to produce two writings a month. At the end of each year, he will have a collection of 24 pieces to produce into a bound volume. He wrote his first volume in 2006 and anticipates that volume six will be completed in 2018.

A self-described believer in Jesus Christ, Okereke said his goal is to write about important topics and use language that makes his writing relevant to readers.

*Not an accident initiated by chance,  
Not a matter of luck or happenstance  
For those who’re trying to explain away the  
circumstance*

“For those who believe, we’re here for a purpose,” said Okereke, who views his writing as a personal form of ministry. He touches on politics, faith, morality, stereotypes, extremism, commercialism and a host of other hot-button issues.

Born in west Africa, Okereke is the eldest of five siblings and has lived in Newark for 17 years.

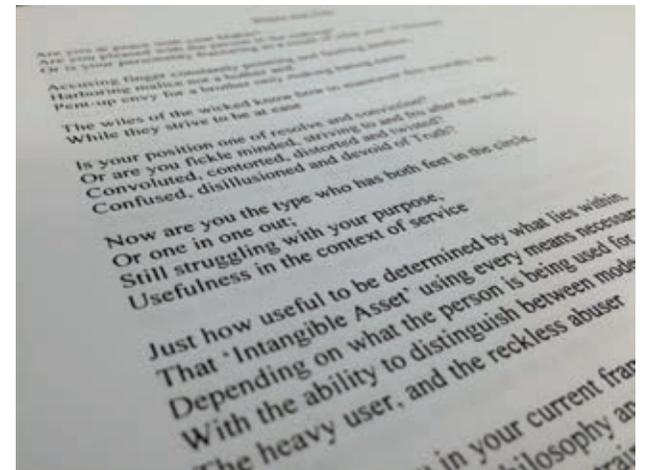
At New Community Extended Care Facility, a 180-bed skilled nursing facility located at 266 South Orange Ave. in Newark, Okereke can often be found leading activities for residents diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. “I like the relating aspect most of all,” he said of interacting with residents at Extended Care, where he has worked since 2014.

Initially, Okereke started

as a volunteer at the nursing home to fulfill a requirement for studying physical therapy. Prior to that, he studied computer science.

Looking to the future, Okereke said he wants to share his writings with more people “on a broader platform.”

“The bottom line is to share and bring certain truths to people’s attention,” he said.



A piece titled “Where Are You,” written by Maurice Okereke in his fifth volume of “Spiritually Intact.”

### Happy Holidays From NCC Officials, Board Members



New Community’s board of directors and leadership celebrated the Christmas season with a festive gathering at St. Joseph Plaza. The board members were joined by members of the NCC executive team as well as other department heads. Second row, from left: Edgar Nemorin, board member; Madge Wilson, board member and outreach coordinator; Elizabeth Mbakaya, CFO; Barry Baker, board member. Front row, seated from left: Kathy Spivey, chief of staff; Monsignor William J. Linder, board chairman and founder; Diane Johnson, consultant; Richard Rohrman, CEO. Board members in attendance but not pictured: Dr. A. Zachary Yamba and Fernando Colon.



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Youth watched a performance by the Rutgers SCREAM Theater and participated in a discussion afterwards about dating violence.



Berkeley College and NPOWER Technology Service Corps provided resources and information to youth at the summit.



Frances Teabout, director of Mission at New Community, spoke one-on-one with youth.

The half-day summit focused on topics such as police interaction, choices and consequences and teen dating violence. Youth from the New Community Workforce Development Center's Academic Enrichment Program for Older Youth, Newark Leadership Academy and Urban League of Essex County's Face Forward Urban Youth Empowerment Program participated in the event held at the New Community Neighborhood Center at Hayes Street.

Newark's Director of Prisoner Reentry Fred Murphy challenged the youth to think about their peer influences in his talk titled, "Choices and Consequences."

A self-described former drug dealer, Murphy engaged the students in discussions and asked what happens when a person goes down the path of selling drugs.

"Some people get locked up, some people get killed, some people make it," one young man replied, matter of factly.

Murphy also asked the students to consider the differences between communicating and simply fighting, as a response to a situation.

"It isn't normal to fight. If you don't know how to communicate, you need to learn how to communicate," Murphy said. "Ya'll are justifying anti-social behavior."

As an officer, Williams offered practical tips to youth. For instance, if you get stopped by police, keep your hands out of your pockets. He also advised that the best thing to do if you feel an officer has violated your rights is to file a complaint after the matter.

"Your recourse is not on the street," Williams emphasized. "The moment you resist on the street,

you're losing automatically," he added.

Williams provided a forum for youth to voice their opinions and concerns and to respond. He acknowledged several times that not all police are honorable. However, he assured the youth that he vouched for the conduct of officers who are under his supervision, and his own actions.

"I act as if my grandma will see it on the news because nowadays there's a good chance she will," Williams said.

Cassandra Cooper, a youth advocate at the Urban League of Essex County, said that the students felt comfortable to speak out at the summit on topics relevant to their lives.

"I think there should be more outlets for them to express their feelings," Cooper said.

Students also had an opportunity to engage with Director of Mission Frances Teabout, who challenged some prevalent present day attitudes. "We don't help ourselves by blaming others for our problems," Teabout said. "We have to help ourselves."

The summit concluded on a high-energy note. Rutgers University's SCREAM Theater gave an improvisational performance that depicted teen dating violence. After the skit, the actors invited the audience to participate in a question and answer session.

Edward Morris, director of Youth Services, said he was happy with the outcome of the summit: "I was really pleased with how attentive and engaged the students were during each session," he said.

Attendees enjoyed a lunch catered by Papa Pat's Pizza on South Orange Avenue.



Fred Murphy, director of Newark's Prisoner Reentry Program, engaged a rapt audience.

## Crib Blessing: Ancient Tradition Lives On At NCC



Gathering in song: New Community Manor Senior residents and staff gathered in front of the building on Orange Street for its longstanding tradition of blessing the crib in a nativity scene featuring Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the three wise men. The group sang "Silent Night" to kick off the event.



Holy Night: Father Beatus Kitururu, standing center, reminded residents of the reason for the season: Jesus arrived in the form of baby to declare God's love to the entire human race. Afterwards, Father Beatus sprinkled holy water on those in attendance.

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### Employer Advisory Committee Convenes At NCC's Automotive Training Center

New Community Workforce Development Center recently hosted its Automotive Employer Advisory Committee meeting. Held at NCC's Automotive Training Center on West Bigelow Street in Newark, the meeting discussion focused on starting a diesel training program, program outcomes and industry trends. Present at the meeting were Rodney Brutton, director of Workforce Development; Rudy Drakeford, job developer; Kimberly McLain, CEO, Newark Alliance; Rich Liebler, director of operations, Sansone Automall; Ken Karwowski, East Region manager, Ford Motor Company; Regina Barboza, program director, CareerWorks; John Zaccheus, lead instructor; Deborah Kobes, program officer, Jobs for the Future; Satiney Myers, recent automotive graduate; Alturrick Kenney, manager of Port Operations, City of Newark; Frank Smallwood, job developer, City of Newark; Ronald Prysock, student services. *Photos courtesy of Rodney Brutton.*



### DHL Delivers Christmas Festivities To Nursing Home Residents

For some nursing home residents, the holiday season may be an isolating or lonely time of year—but not at New Community Extended Care Facility. In addition to the many festivities that staff organize, volunteers such as a group of 15 employees from DHL Shipping Services brought the holidays to Extended Care residents. Santa Claus headline the event, which featured interactive musical performances and festive inflatable decorations such as a Snoopy's "sno-machine" and a cozy fireplace. On behalf of Extended Care residents and staff, thank you, DHL, for sharing the holiday! Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Brookins.



## Social Security News

# We Are Here To Help You Realize Your Dream

By Ammy Plummer  
Social Security District Manager  
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January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — a national holiday and a day of remembrance. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to creating and fostering equal rights for African Americans, and he died during his efforts to make his dream a reality.

Many people commemorate this holiday by serving their community and giving to others who may be less fortunate. In many ways, this is what Social Security does every day, all year long.

A great way to be of service to others is to help someone you know who may need assistance applying for Social Security, Medicare, or Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs. This is easy to do at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Some people who need these benefits may not be comfortable with computers or may not even know applying online is an option. But now, it's easier than ever to apply for such benefits from the convenience of a home computer at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

For example, it's easy to apply for retirement benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline). It can take as little as 15 minutes from start to finish. Once the application is electronically submitted, in most cases, there is nothing more to do.

It's even easier to apply for Medicare, for people who do not plan to begin their Social Security retirement payments yet but who do want Medicare coverage. The application takes about 10 minutes and you can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly).

People who already have Medicare coverage, but who need help meeting prescription drug costs, can apply for Extra Help online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp).

This holiday, you may want to make a trip to see the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C. or read or listen to a recording of his legendary I Have a Dream speech. You can also make your Martin Luther King Day a day of service to someone who can use your help.

Lead them to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). It may be easy for you, but it may help someone you love realize their own dreams.

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Dorothy McMillan



Newark resident Dorothy McMillan currently resides at the New Community Extended Care Facility where she previously worked as a nursing assistant.

Dorothy McMillan might be the posterchild for New Community.

Originally hailing from Brooklyn, 85-year-old McMillan now resides at the New Community Extended Care Facility, where she used to be an employee. She raised her three sons in the family housing units at New Community years ago.

"I ended up back here. It's funny how things work out," she said with a grin.

McMillan said that she relocated to the Brick City due to her now late husband's job working for the Port of Newark.

"He's the one who brought me to Newark in the first place," she said.

The couple had three sons named Sandy, Matthew and Alfred. They all attended Malcolm X Shabazz High in Newark and went on to college, she noted.

McMillan started working at a local department store in Brooklyn at age 14 and later worked at a nursing home. When she came to Extended Care, McMillan said she was a nursing assistant who worked on the third floor, side by side with Veronica Onwunaka, who is now the facility administrator.

"She was one of the workers at the time," McMillan recalled.

McMillan and her husband met after his sister and her brother were married. Her husband died while working on the job at the port, she said. Her two older sons, Sandy and Matthew, also passed away. Her youngest son, Alfred, lives in Kansas.

For McMillan, living at Extended Care feels familiar and comforting. It's like being with family, in a way.

"It's very nice because I know a lot of the workers. It's like going home," she said.



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## UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CEO SERVES DINNER AT HARMONY HOUSE



New Community CEO Richard Rohrman, left, with John Kastanis, CEO and president of University Hospital in Newark.



John Kastanis, far right, CEO and president of University Hospital, serves dinner to residents of Harmony House.

University Hospital's new CEO and president, John Kastanis, spent his first holiday season as head of Newark's largest hospital serving homeless families at New Community's transitional housing facility.

New Community CEO Richard Rohrman met with Kastanis prior to University Hospital serving a holiday meal to Harmony House and Rohrman expressed deep appreciation for hospital staff hosting the occasion.

"I am personally grateful to John Kastanis and his team for visiting Harmony House and spending time during the holiday season with residents from our transitional housing facility for the homeless," Rohrman said. "University Hospital is not only our neighbor but one of New Community's key partners in Newark and we look forward to strengthening our partnership with the hospital and its new leadership in an effort to better serve our residents," he said.

Kastanis greeted residents, served dinner and later spoke to the residents while they enjoyed the hot meal, which was complete with turkey, gravy, side dishes and dessert. Kastanis, who came on board as the new head of University Hospital in March 2016, said that University Hospital is focused on its "patient experience" and serving residents in the best way possible.

Kbrina Blount said that the volunteers that evening did just that. Hands full with two young children, Blount, a Harmony House resident, said she appreciated how the volunteers helped her through the buffet line and also assisted her with finding a seat and getting her family situated for dinner.

Danielle Perkins, another Harmony House resident, had an opportunity to meet Kastanis one-

on-one and take a photo, said she enjoyed the entire evening that the hospital provided for Harmony House.

"It was very heartwarming," Perkins said.

Additionally, staff from University Hospital shared information about diabetes self-management workshops and Weight Watchers was helpful, Perkins added.

"We had a great turnout, the food was delicious and I believe the families enjoyed the event," said Angela Hall, Harmony House case manager and youth coordinator.



Members of the University Hospital leadership team helped serve the meal.



Harmony House residents enjoyed a holiday dinner of turkey, gravy, vegetables, roll, rice, drinks and dessert.



On average, Harmony House residents stay at the transitional housing facility between six to nine months.

## Grace Generation Church Blesses NCC Families



Sharing the holiday spirit: Grace Generation Church brought holiday cheer to the families of New Community in the weeks before Christmas by hosting a holiday party at the Neighborhood Recreation Center on Hayes Street. Organized in coordination with the departments of Health and Social Services and Youth Services, the festivities organized by the Piscataway-based church included dinner and family-friendly activities.

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Celebrity Wendy Williams, left, with Board Member Madge Wilson, at the Hunter Foundation's holiday dinner for NCC families.

The evening festivities featured a visit from Santa Claus; gifts for children and parents; musical, dance and step performances; and music all night by deejay duo Amira and Kayla. Whole Foods Market also donated to the event.

New Community thanks the Hunter Foundation for its generosity this Christmas season!



## Toy Donation Drive Provides Gifts For Hundreds Of Youngsters



Giving spirit: Each holiday season, Outreach Coordinator Madge Wilson spearheads a toy drive and collects gifts from groups, such as St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills.



Filling up the truck: Volunteers from St. Teresa of Avila filled up the box truck with beautifully wrapped gifts.



Firefighters to the rescue: Millburn Fire Department donated several toys that were distributed to families in need.

During Thanksgiving, St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills donated turkeys to provide needy families with a Thanksgiving meal. Photos courtesy of Madge Wilson.



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## Despite Snowfall, Breakfast With Santa Marches On

Let it snow: A snowstorm that swept through the region left several inches of snow on the ground the morning of New Community's annual Breakfast With Santa. Hosted by the Department of Youth Services, the early morning event marched on despite the weather, as children and parents eagerly lined up at the New Community

Neighborhood Center at Hayes Street in Newark.

The event, which was free, featured a hot breakfast of pancakes, sausage, potatoes, peppers and juice for children, and bagels and doughnuts for parents.

After the meal, families took a photograph with Santa Claus and got to take home an

instantly printed and framed keepsake. Children also had an opportunity to choose an age-appropriate toy. The gifts, which ranged from soft stuffed animals to board games and headphones, were donated by Toys For Tots and through donations coordinated by Madge Wilson, outreach coordinator at New Community.

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## Ladies Motorcycle Group Revs Up Holiday Cheer For NCC Families

These ladies in leather jackets may look tough from the outside, but their hearts are only filled with generosity. H.O.O.D. Ryderz Ladies Motorcycle Club hosted a holiday party for New Community families at the Neighborhood Center on Hayes Street. The festivities featured a buffet dinner, clothing distribution and toy giveaways. New Community expresses its gratitude to the H.O.O.D. Ryderz and wishes the ladies happy holidays! *Photos courtesy of Dorothy Artis.*



## GED In Sight, Even At Age 61



Rudy Campbell of Newark said he skipped his last three weeks of twelfth grade and ended up not graduating.

Rudy Campbell is determined to make up for failing out of high school. After skipping the last three weeks of school, Campbell did not receive his diploma from West Side High in Newark.

Now 61, Campbell said he would impart the following advice on his younger self: “It was all right to be different.”

Now enrolled at New Community’s Adult Learning Center, Campbell is determined to do things differently but has found that some old habits die hard. He was enrolled in an eight-week course to earn his GED. Towards the end, he skipped out on the last few classes. “I did the same thing I did in high school,” he observed.

But Campbell, who works for the City of Newark doing building maintenance, is not the same person he was all those years ago. He said he realized that having a GED can make a big difference in his longtime profession as a plumber, which he started at age 18.

“That’s one of the biggest requirements to getting into the plumbers union,” he said.

“I believe that if he continues to work hard and stay committed, we will hear great things from him,” Instructor Deyla Holt said of Campbell.

Born in Fayetteville, N.C., Campbell grew up in Long Island and then moved to Newark. After high school, he learned the plumbing trade seemingly by a chance encounter one day.

“A guy looked at me and said I should be a plumber,” he said with a laugh. That plumber took Campbell under his wing.

The Adult Learning Center is located at 563 Orange St. in Newark and offers courses such as English for Speakers of Other Languages, Citizenship, Computer (basic and intermediate) and GED as well as services such as health screenings and social service referrals. Campbell learned of the GED program and signed up after seeing a flyer posted at the Newark Public Library main branch on Broad Street.

Although he didn’t complete the entire course, Campbell has planned to take the GED in order to get a baseline score and identify what areas to work on. “I wasn’t too far behind,” Campbell said. “I feel if I really buckled down, I could get it.”

Campbell said he’s determined to redeem his high school experience.

“That’s my goal for 2017,” he said. “I already know that thousands of doors will open once I do that,” he said of earning his GED.



### Extended Care Listens To Our Residents



At New Community Extended Care Facility, our staff takes the time to ask for input from residents. We really listen. Recently, in preparation for creating the holiday meal menu, residents participated in a meeting Extended Care staff Elizabeth Brookins, Jackie Henry and Delores Thomas to discuss preferences for entrees, side dishes and dessert. Extended Care is located at 266 South Orange Ave. in Newark. For more information, call the front desk at 973-624-2020 or visit our new website NewarkNursingHome.org.

## Better You, Better Me

By Lesley Leslie



If you are reading this article, consider the fact that unlike many others you are blessed and fortunate enough to have lived through another year.

As you settle into 2017, you may have already begun to evaluate your life and perhaps you’re looking for ways to improve yourself. You could be someone who wants to go back to school, or maybe you want to lose a few pounds. You could also be one of thousands of individuals who desire to buy their own home this year. But what if you are someone who, in the process of making your New Year’s Resolution, believes that this year you can be

a better you by helping others be better too?

This might be the year that you become a mentor or even a Big Brother or Big Sister to a young person in your community. For some, the opportunity to impact the lives of others is as close as a co-worker at your job or a teammate at school. It’s all about sacrifice!

If you are willing to let someone else shine by taking responsibility for an unpleasant task, you have what it takes to be a team player. When you understand that achieving the common goal for the group is more important than the individual victory, you will be able to embrace sacrifice and in doing so encourage others who work alongside you.

An honest look at oneself and what you desire to become is the best way to start off 2017. The goals that you set for yourself won’t be threatened by helping others achieve theirs. Happy New Year! #TakeOneForTheTeamIn2017

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## New Community Is Hiring: Open Positions

New Community is hiring for the following open positions. To apply online, please visit <https://newcommunity.submit4jobs.com>. Due to the volume of applications, NCC will only contact candidates of interest. NCC is an equal opportunity employer. For more details on the requirements of each position, visit <https://newcommunity.submit4jobs.com>.

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#### **Full Time**

The Activity Assistant (AA) will be working in a Long Term Care/Sub Acute Facility. In this role the AA will be responsible for implementation and evaluation of therapeutic recreation services including but not limited to empowerment, maintenance, and supportive activities.

### **Administrative Assistant/Family Worker**

#### **Part Time**

Within the framework of the New Community Corporation Early Learning Centers' Program's purpose and philosophy, the Receptionist has the responsibility to assist in performing administrative / operational duties as necessary to insure the effective and efficient operations of the program.

### **After School Program Coordinator**

#### **Part Time**

Coordinate the planning and maintaining of a safe and healthy learning environment for program participants. Supervise counselors and provide learning tools for promoting a positive environment. Assist and monitor students and staff during program hours.

### **After School Program Counselor**

#### **Part Time**

Assists students individually or in groups with homework assignments. Use positive discipline techniques when addressing children. Support children's emotional and social development, encouraging understanding of others and promoting positive self-esteem.

### **Dietary Aide**

#### **Part Time**

Responsible for handling food in accordance with sanitary regulations, serving only food specified by diet lists, meeting meal schedules, and cleaning schedules, serving food at proper temperature and following direction carefully.

### **Maintenance Worker**

#### **Full Time**

To ensure that the appearance of the property is maintained, troubleshoot, install and repair the building. Buildings include, but are not limited to; grounds, boilers, steam and hot water.

### **Security Officer**

#### **Full Time**

Responsibilities include maintaining a safe and secure environment for clients, residents, visitors, employees and surrounding public by patrolling and monitoring premises. The security officer will report to the Director or superior officer.

### **Superintendent**

#### **Full Time**

Performs daily janitorial and maintenance services in assigned building(s). Complete work-orders as assigned by property manager and/or designated supervisor. Troubleshoots, repairs or replaces HVAC/Heating equipment controls; installs, repairs, and replaces all plumbing fixtures, piping and systems.