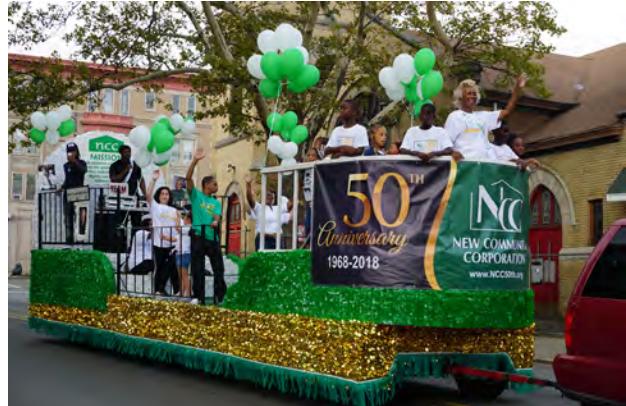


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NCC Hosts 34th Annual Parade And Festival



Parade Grand Marshal Madge Wilson, NCC outreach coordinator, waves to the crowd during the 34th Annual Parade. Grand Marshal DJ Lilman provides music at the back of the float.

Floots and marchers streamed down South Orange Avenue Sept. 16 for New Community Corporation's 34th annual parade, which recognized "The Faces of New Community" and the organization's 50th anniversary.

Leading the way were Parade Grand Marshals Madge Wilson, NCC outreach coordinator, and Kevin Brown, better known as DJ Lilman, who was born and raised in Newark.

Five floats represented various departments, including the New Community Workforce Development Center, Extended Care, the two day care centers (Community Hills Early Learning Center and Harmony House Early Learning Center), Management and Social Services. The Adult Learning Center had marchers, as did the senior buildings.

This year's parade king and queen came from Orange Senior. John Hitchner and Elaine Avant sat on a float and waved to the crowd below.

Music was a large part of the parade, with DJ Lilman, the Patriot Brass Band, a calypso band, Basement Life and two high school bands: Central High School and Weequahic High School.

Following the parade was the Family Festival, which took place next to Commons Senior, 140 South Orange Ave., Newark. The event included many fun activities for children. There were pony rides, a bounce house, inflatable slide, video game truck, rock climbing wall and McCloon providing face painting and balloon creations.

Vendors were also on hand selling items and providing information for attendees.

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A Better Life Grand Opening Set For Oct. 18



A housing unit of A Better Life. The grand opening of the facility will be Oct. 18.

New Community Corporation's supportive housing facility for the chronically homeless, A Better Life, is hosting a grand opening Oct. 18.

The new facility, located at 101 14th Ave. in Newark, has 20 studio units of permanent supportive housing with a kitchen and bathroom for chronically homeless individuals, one studio

unit with a kitchen and bathroom for a live-in supervisor and three respite units for short stays that do not have a kitchen or bathroom. A Better Life also has an engagement center, library, dining area and laundry room.

Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care will be providing 24/7 supervision at the facility to support wellness and recovery efforts. University Hospital's emergency care system will refer individuals for placement.

The \$8 million endeavor is a joint project led by New Community in collaboration with various funders and partnering agencies: New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, an affiliate of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; Red Stone Equity Partners; Essex County HOME Program; Newark HOME Program; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.

Chelsea Construction Company, an NCC subsidiary, managed the project. Claremont Construction served as the general contractor.

Ending DACA Is Wrong

Editorial By
Monsignor William J. Linder

Last month, President Trump announced the end of a program that allowed undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to stay in this country. Those young people are here through no fault of their own and now they could face deportation. They are important to the economic vitality of our country. There would be no United States without them.

Once again, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark, released a statement that lays out Christian principles as clearly as possible. I wanted to share his words with you in their entirety:

The decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals executive order is malicious.

It is plainly and clearly wrong for this Administration to use as a political tool the lives, futures and security of some 800,000 young people whose only crime, if you ever could call it that, was that they lovingly and obediently accompanied their parents in pursuit of the dream of freedom and opportunity.

Whether or not the previous administration had authority to institute DACA does not matter. The 800,000 Dreamers affected by the rescission are people. They live in our neighborhoods, attend our schools, fight for our country and contribute actively in our workplaces. They are contributing to this nation's future and prosperity. They have followed the rules that have been in place, always praying that Congress would step up to the plate and craft intelligent, heartfelt long term solutions to a broken immigration system.

One can't hide behind the term "legality" in rescinding DACA. That is an abandonment of humanity, and abandonment of talented and hopeful young people who are as American as you and I.

The rule of law, first, last and always, must provide a humane, moral code to organize, protect and advance society based on the best ideals and beliefs in our hearts and minds. Catholic teaching calls all people to make a commitment to uphold the dignity of every person and to work for the common good of our nation. Rescinding DACA without having in place through Congress an equivalent and permanent protection for these Americans does not advance society or exemplify our best ideals and beliefs. It is, rather, an abandoning of humanity.

Today, the Administration not only has closed borders; it also has closed minds and hearts.

These Dreamers won't have a home or a very bright future if they get deported. We also have to worry about our own future. It's suicide for us as a country to cut off these young people who contribute greatly to society.

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Food Pantry Donation



NCC Assistant Director of Health and Social Services Donnette Burrowes-Williams, left, with college student Shaheedah Johnson who donated items to the Emergency Food Pantry.

Montclair State University student Shaheedah Johnson collected nonperishable food items on her campus and delivered donations to the New Community Corporation Emergency Food Pantry, located at 220 Bruce St., Newark, Sept. 13. The Emergency Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from the 16th to the end of each month. A valid New Jersey ID and/or proof of residency, proof of income and birth certificate for each child under the age of 18 are required to participate.

Around The Network

End Of Summer Cookout

Hudson Senior residents enjoyed a cookout Sept. 14 at their facility, located at 21-27 Orchard St., Jersey City. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage and more were on the menu. Residents also enjoyed music and company at the event.



Raymond Mohabir, president of the Tenants' Association, and Hilton Francis, right, enjoy lunch during the Hudson Senior cookout.



Genovieve Gonzalez, Johnnie Maelovett, Palmira Masina and Gladys Valdez, left to right, attended.



Celebrating Birthdays

Residents of Orange Senior, 132 William St., Orange, celebrated those who had birthdays in May, June, July and August in the Community Room Aug. 31. Care Coordinator Sister Pauline Echebiri provided the group with food, drinks and cake.



John Harris, left, and David Bedward were at the celebration. Bedward's birthday was May 30.



Orange Senior Care Coordinator Sister Pauline Echebiri served residents refreshments.



Orange Senior residents who were born between May and August get ready to cut the cake for their birthday celebration.

Central Ward Councilwoman Visits Commons Senior



Gloria Harrison, left, and Rita Hudson, right, enjoy their time with Central Ward Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins.



District Leader Lillie Rivers, Central Ward Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins, Joyce Credle, Leile Cuttino and Lillie Little (left to right) at the luncheon.

Central Ward Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins was at Commons Senior, 140 South Orange Ave., Newark, Aug. 29 for the Summer Blast luncheon. Her staff served food to the residents and they got the chance to speak with the councilwoman.



Central Ward Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins poses with Jackie Myles and Marilyn Watson.

Employee Of The Month: Sister Pauline Echebiri



Sister Pauline Echebiri is the care coordinator at Orange Senior.

Sister Pauline Echebiri takes pride in the work she does for New Community Corporation. She currently serves as the sole care coordinator at Orange Senior, helping residents get services they need, planning recreational activities and monitoring residents' health.

She has been at Orange Senior, 132 William St., Orange, since 2015. From 2012 to 2015, she was the assistant care coordinator at Douglas Homes, 15 Hill St., Newark. But she has been a part of New Community since 1998.

Echebiri came to the United States from Nigeria in 1997. She became a nun in her home country as part of the order Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy and was sent here on a mission.

Workforce Receives \$25,000 Donation



New Community Workforce Development Center Director Rodney Brutton accepts a \$25,000 donation from Bank of America Vice President Financial Center Manager Crisnelly Montano and Relationship Manager Cristina M. Taylor with Workforce students and staff looking on.

Bank of America presented the New Community Workforce Development Center with a \$25,000 donation Aug. 31 to be used for its overall operation. Vice President Financial Center Manager Crisnelly Montano and Relationship Manager Cristina M. Taylor from the Springfield Avenue branch in Newark presented the check to Workforce Director Rodney Brutton. Students and staff were also on hand for the check presentation. In addition to the donation, Bank of America is working to provide workshops on banking basics through the Financial Opportunity Center. The company plans to inform students about requirements for opening accounts, including the necessary identification, and provide information about the products it offers.

She joined New Community when it was in a partnership with Babyland.

From there, Echebiri taught religion at St. Rose of Lima. When the school closed, she was in a master's degree program and decided to transfer to social services, with the approval of NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder.

Echebiri holds a bachelor's degree in theology from the College of Saint Elizabeth and a master's degree in social work from Fordham University.

As a care coordinator, Echebiri conducts home visits to assess residents' needs. She said she doesn't decide what services are needed, but speaks with residents and they decide together. If there is a language barrier, she will speak with service providers on their behalf. She also coordinates educational health programs for the residents and plans recreational activities, such as shopping and outings to restaurants. She arranges transportation to locations off site. Since she was a midwife in Nigeria, she's able to do blood pressure checks for residents as well.

She said she plans activities to help keep them going. "Even though they're seniors, they still have life to live," she said.

The job of care coordinator is important because the population Echebiri serves is vulnerable. "It gives me joy to see that they're

happy," she said.

"Sister Pauline is a very dedicated and committed worker who goes above and beyond her scope of work to ensure Orange Senior residents' socioeconomic needs are being met," said Health and Social Services Assistant Director Donnette Burrowes-Williams. "Sister Pauline is very passionate about her work as a care coordinator and most importantly she loves working with people and her residents in Orange."

Echebiri doesn't have one favorite part of her job. "I like what I'm doing and I'm happy to do it," she said. "I feel like I'm doing it for God. If I do it well, it's for God's glory."

Echebiri always wanted to be a nun. She comes from a very religious family and says she didn't even want to finish primary school before becoming a nun. But she soon found out she had to continue her education. She finished high school and then went to join the order.

She currently lives in the St. Rose of Lima convent in Newark with two other nuns.

She's very thankful for all she has been able to do. "Without God I wouldn't have energy to do anything. He's working through me," she said. "I thank God for New Community, for Monsignor, for my mother and my friends. For everything."

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Representatives from Social Services, Environmental Services and Management wave to bystanders. Parade King John Hitchner and Queen Elaine Avant sit on the back of the float.



Staff and families from Community Hills Early Learning Center and Harmony House Early Learning Center ride the float representing the daycares.



New Community Founder Monsignor William J. Linder waves to parade participants as they march by the viewing stand on South Orange Avenue.



Parade Grand Marshal DJ Lilman enjoys the parade along South Orange Avenue.



The Central High School band and color guard participate in the parade.



Parade Queen Elaine Avant and King John Hitchner, both of Orange Senior.



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Weequahic High School students perform for parade spectators.

New Workforce Instructor Brings Real World Experience



Seham Abouelhassan began as a certified medical assistant instructor for the New Community Workforce Development Center July 26.

Students enrolled in the Allied Health program at the New Community Workforce Development Center have a new instructor who practiced internal medicine for more than a decade helping them gain the skills needed for a fulfilling career: Seham Abouelhassan.

Abouelhassan became a certified medical assistant instructor at the Workforce Development Center, 274 South Orange Ave., Newark, July 26. She has been an instructor in the medical field since 2004, working at the now closed Drake College of

Business in Elizabeth and the Westchester School for Medical/Dental Assistants. Prior to that, she practiced internal medicine in Egypt for 12 years.

"We are pleased to have Dr. Seham. She brings a wealth of experience, having worked as a Certified Medical Assistant instructor for several years and adds great value to our Allied Health care programs and school," said Workforce Development Director Rodney Brutton.

Abouelhassan became an instructor after coming to New Jersey from Egypt. To practice medicine in the U.S., she would have had to go through residency again and at the time her children were young. Though it wasn't her first career choice, she found teaching to be fulfilling.

"After that first job, I felt that I was born to be a teacher," she said.

Her experience as an internist helps guide the instruction. She said she is able to give her students more information about diseases and diagnoses which is helpful when seeing patients. She also knows the ins and outs of ethics in the medical field, which she said is very important for the students to know.

Abouelhassan said her favorite part of her job is seeing students do procedures correctly and

understand patients' rights.

"You can see the results of your work. This is the best thing," she said.

The scope of instruction is wide. Abouelhassan teaches students phlebotomy and how to conduct an EKG and take vital signs. The students learn how to work in an office and about safety in the workplace. She also introduces them to financial office management and billing and coding.

Abouelhassan said she believes many of her students will make good certified medical assistants.

"The way they pay attention in class and do procedures, I'm optimistic they will do fine and have good jobs," she said.

Abouelhassan has advice for her students, which can be applied both to their studies and outside the classroom.

"I always tell them there are no automatic doors in life. You have to put forth some effort to get what you need," she said. "I help you, but you have to help yourself first."

Abouelhassan lives in Jersey City. She has a husband and two daughters, ages 26 and 24.

Social Security News

A Calculated Retirement

By Ammy Plummer
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Calculating when you should retire requires evaluating all sources of your retirement income. There are many factors to consider, including your personal retirement goals. With multiple factors affecting your decision, sometimes it's difficult to see the big retirement picture.

Social Security secures your today and tomorrow by offering a webpage of calculators to help you plan your Social Security retirement benefits. You can access our online calculators at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html to get started planning.

Visit our calculator page and fine-tune your benefit estimate by using the Retirement Estimator if you have the required 40 work credits. Changes in your personal circumstances may cause changes in the number of years you work before you retire. Suppose you had planned to work an additional 10 years before retiring, but now you are considering moving that up to the end of this year. How can you determine how much the difference in dollars in the monthly benefits will be? You can create one estimate with your projected earnings through this year and another including the next 10 years. These are estimates, but they will give you an approximation for each retirement age to help you make your decision.

You can also use our Online Calculator if you don't have 40 work credits. You need to enter all of your earnings manually, but you can project future earnings through your potential retirement date. Again, this is an estimate based on your future estimated earnings, but it provides you with planning numbers.

These three calculators will meet almost everyone's pre-retirement planning needs. But, wait, there's more. Use the Life Expectancy Calculator for a rough estimate of how long you might live. The Retirement Age Calculator determines your full retirement age and shows the differences when benefits are taken early. The Early or Late Retirement Calculator can show the differences in benefit amount if you file early or wait until later to start benefits. You can use the Benefits for Spouse Calculator to find out how your spouse's benefit changes if taken early. You can access all of these at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Walterine Hatton



Walterine Hatton likes to keep busy at Manor Senior by helping out fellow residents and staff.

Walterine Hatton has always kept busy. She raised 12 children on her own in Guyana, worked in the political field in her home country and served as a home health aide after coming to the United States. Now, at age 69, she assists residents and staff at Manor Senior, 545 Orange St., Newark.

Hatton serves on the Kitchen Committee of the Manor Senior Tenants' Association. She is the floor captain for the eighth floor and assists on the seventh and tenth floors as well. She also helps with the food bank.

"She helps everyone in the building," said Manor Senior Care Coordinator Lourdes Fuentes. "She has a big heart and cares about the other residents."

In addition to her official roles, Hatton is the go-to person for any type of issue. She usually

knows exactly what's going on in the building.

"Some people say I'm nosy, but I'm just a concerned resident," she said.

Hatton moved to Manor Senior in 2012. She says the facility meets her needs and is within her budget. She likes that she's involved in various activities as well.

"I can't find a better place than here," she said.

Hatton first came to the U.S. in 1993, settling in Jersey City with the help of her daughter, who is now a minister for the Monumental Baptist Church in Jersey City. She moved to East Orange in 1999 before coming to Newark.

In Guyana, Hatton graduated high school and did seamstress work before working in political offices. When she moved to the U.S., she became a home health aide in New York City. She retired in 2011.

She returns to her home country of Guyana for a month each December to visit her family. In addition to 12 children, she has 28 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

That vacation serves as a break from the work she does at Manor Senior, which includes doing laundry and delivering packages for residents who have a difficult time doing it themselves, preparing for and working at the facility's cookouts and even folding editions of the Clarion when needed.

Hatton loves to cook and does it every day. She makes West Indian food, including curry and oxtail, and often shares it with others.

She says she loves helping people and thanks God she is alive and well and able to assist.

"Whatever you put out is what you receive," she said.



Wellness Tip
October 2017

Breathe Healthy Avoid Lung Damage



Avoid Smoking and
2nd Hand Smoke



Fill your house
with plants to
purify the air



Use a vacuum with
a HEPA Filter to
eliminate allergens



Avoid scented
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that can damage
the lungs



Exercise to keep
your lungs
healthy



Make sure you have a
Radon (Rn) Detector.
Radon is the 2nd leading
cause of lung cancer

Fun Bus Lives Up To Its Name For CHELC Kids

Children at the Community Hills Early Learning Center (CHELC) had the opportunity to board the Fun Bus, a school bus that has the seats removed to allow for play. They participated in stretches, walked through an obstacle course, swung on swings and more. All in the parking lot of the facility Aug. 18.



The children were excited to board the Fun Bus.



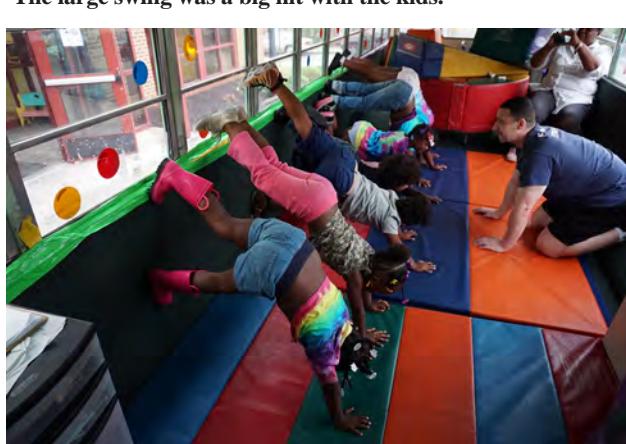
The large swing was a big hit with the kids.



Students warmed up by stretching with a Fun Bus staff member.



Members of the youngest group to participate had a great time on the tire swing.



The children got to climb up the wall of the bus with their feet.



The bus became an obstacle course for the kids to get through.

Celebrating The Ratification Of The Constitution

The New Community Workforce Development Center held an event in honor of Constitution Day Sept. 18 at St. Joseph Plaza. The day included an explanation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, information about personal finances, group challenges, prizes and lunch. Constitution Day commemorates the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on Sept. 17, 1787.



Members of the Automotive program work on a crossword puzzle as a team.



Guest speaker Dwayne Scott provides information about personal finances to the students.



Academic Enrichment students, center, and Building Trades students, right, during the trivia portion of the event.



Culinary Arts students work together on a group challenge.

Building Trades Students At Work

New Community Workforce Development Center Construction Building Trades Students gathered after installing a computer drop from the server room to an office. The assignment was completed under the direction of Lead Instructor William Robinson, left.





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Extended Care Hosts Health Fair

The New Community Extended Care Facility held a Health Fair Aug. 25 in the parking lot outside the building at 266 South Orange Ave., Newark, which was open to all. Participants were able to get health screenings including blood pressure and blood sugar checks, massages and information from various vendors. They also enjoyed lunch in the beautiful weather outside.



A nurse speaks to a Health Fair participant about his health while taking his blood pressure.



Those who participated in the health screenings received a goody bag of information.



The Visiting Nurse Association Health and Hospice was one of the vendors handing out items to participants.



Many participants got their blood sugar checked.



Extended Care Admissions Coordinator Rhonda Nobles serves food during the Health Fair.



Massages were provided as part of the Health Fair.

Gardens Senior Residents Show Off Their Talents

Gardens Senior, 265 Morris Ave., Newark, held a talent show where residents put their skills on display. They sang, danced, played the accordion and showcased artwork at the event held Aug. 31. Care Coordinator Sister Mary Prisca organized the event.



Apolinar Urena plays the accordion. Photo courtesy of Donnette Burrowes-Williams.



John Aytch shows off his artistic talent during the Gardens Senior Talent Show.

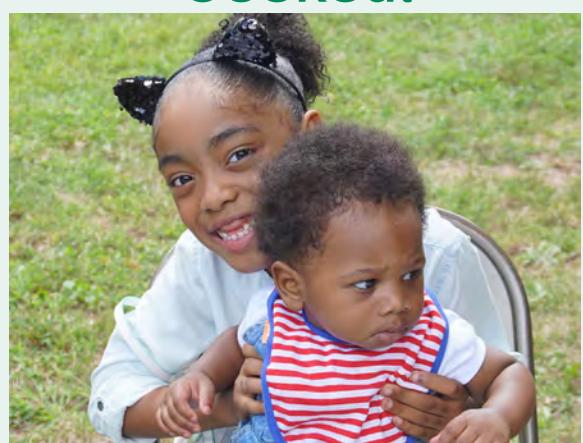


Cheryl McRae and Robert Gordon show off their dancing skills.



Larry Daniels sings "Amazing Grace" at the talent show.

Families Enjoy Cookout



The Health and Social Services Department held a cookout for NCC families Aug. 25 at 220 Bruce St., Newark. The event was held on a beautiful day and included food and music.

Family Service Bureau

Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and at the Family Service Bureau of Newark we are committed to providing a myriad of quality services for victims of domestic violence and intimate personal violence.

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Domestic violence does not discriminate based on race, gender or sexual orientation/preference, religion, etc. It can happen to anyone. It affects people of all socioeconomic statuses and levels of education.

The following are some violence statistics from the National Coalition against Domestic Violence and the New Jersey State Police:

Every 9 seconds in the U.S. a woman is assaulted or beaten.

In the U.S., an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute.

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner.

1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner.

1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked.

The most frequent day of domestic violence occurrences is Sunday.

For five consecutive years, the most frequent hours of domestic violence incidents were between 8 p.m. and midnight.

Domestic violence is a very complicated issue and at the Family Service Bureau we understand that what works for one victim may not work for another. Therefore our counseling services are tailored to every individual's need.

Beyond Survival, a gender specific program for women 12 to 21 years of age, and Victims of Crime (VIP) are programs that receive extensive support from our staff, counselors and certified clinicians. Our services include discovering choices for well-being, building healthier decisions in your relationship, effective communication and planning safety at home for yourself and your children.

The Family Service Bureau of Newark offers services to all victims of domestic violence without regard to their gender, age, sexual preference/orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, religion or nationality. The Family Service Bureau believes that every individual has the right to live in a safe and nurturing environment. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you!

Sending Harmony House Students Back To School In Style



Dozens of Harmony House residents participated in a back-to-school event Aug. 28 organized by Jersey City resident Sally Milad. She arranged for volunteers to provide haircuts and styling for the children and also handed out school supplies and provided pizza.

Milad found Harmony House and reached out to friends and family to put the event together.

"Everyone wants to do something to help out, but no one has an idea of where to start," she said. "I know there's a lot of people that wanted to help. I kind of took it upon myself to start it."

Harmony House Senior Case Manager Lisa Chavis appreciated Milad's generosity. "Sally is a beautiful and giving person. She went out of her way to recruit a number of well-known barbers from all over Essex and Union County to come out and provide haircuts for the boys and cute little hairstyles for our girls at Harmony House in preparation for the new school year," she said. "You could feel the love, generosity and appreciation of all those in attendance."

Many back-to-school events include school supplies, but it's not so common to include haircuts. Milad said she wanted the children to feel confident as they started the new school year.

"When you look good, you do good, you feel good. I wanted the kids to go to school feeling good and getting work done as opposed to being worried about how they look," she said.

About 75 children and 20 volunteers participated.

Photos courtesy of Sally Milad.





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Lunes a jueves:
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Newark Mayor, NFL Legend Attend Graduation At St. Joseph Plaza



Newark Mayor Ras Baraka speaks during the Amer-I-Can Life Skills graduation at St. Joseph Plaza. NFL Legend Jim Brown looks on.



Former NFL player Jim Brown poses with New Community Outreach Coordinator Madge Wilson. Photo courtesy of Madge Wilson.

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It's Got To Be Taught

By Lesley Leslie

A recent experience awhile on a summer family vacation has confirmed something that I always suspected growing up enclosed in my brown skin. Racism is something that is taught! One sunny day in August, my three African-American teenaged children were sitting and playing on the beach of the Jersey Shore. They were building sandcastles and collecting seashells. As I took photographs and watched them from a distance, I saw two young Caucasian children, about the age of 6 or 7, approach them and join in their sandcastle production.

Undoubtedly, their lives could have been worlds apart; my black teenagers and her white elementary school kids. However, on that day the beach brought them together and they enjoyed each other's company under the sun and over a sandcastle. Color didn't matter...

Although that mom and I never spoke, I noticed her and she noticed me. It was evident from our glances that what we witnessed with our children, in that moment, was also what we as moms had taught our children. We had not taught them to hate! We had not taught them to fear! It was a good day for humanity and a good day at the beach.

Slightly off to the side, I could see the children's mother watching them as they left the area where the two of them had been playing and joined my children in the area where they were playing. I prepared myself for what I believed would be yet another lesson about race to my children. I honestly expected

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka and NFL Legend Jim Brown were at St. Joseph Plaza Aug. 14 for a graduation ceremony for Newark Community Street Team members who completed the Amer-I-Can Life Skills program.

Brown founded the program in Los Angeles in 1988. It teaches participants to meet their academic potential, conform their behavior to acceptable society standards and improve the quality of their lives by equipping them with critical life management skills to confidently and successfully contribute to society.

Sixteen young adults ages 18 to 30 completed the Newark program. The Newark Community Street Team is Baraka's community-based violence reduction strategy. It deploys 16 outreach workers in the South Ward and West Ward sections of the city to engage with and recruit for services young adults ages 18 to 30 who are at risk of becoming either victims or perpetrators of violence.

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From NCC Volunteer To Full-Time Employee



Anne Moran became a care coordinator at Associates June 1. Before that she worked as a Home Friend and volunteered at the Family Resource Success Center.

Newark resident Anne Moran has moved up within New Community Corporation, going from a volunteer referred through the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) to a part-time worker to a full-time employee.

Moran became a care coordinator at New Community Associates, 180 South Orange Ave., Newark, June 1. In that position she conducts home visits of residents to check on them and ensure their apartments are well kept, updates residents' medication changes, files weekly and monthly reports and assists with creating the building calendar.

She filled a void at Associates that had been left

since March 1, 2017, when longtime resident Elnora Haynes died. She had helped Care Coordinator Lourdes Fuentes fulfill the duties of an additional care coordinator role. After Haynes' passing, Fuentes, who is now a care coordinator at Manor Senior, needed help and the decision was made to hire another care coordinator for Associates.

Moran was working part-time as a Home Friend at that time, providing light housekeeping and running errands for three senior clients per day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., when Health and Social Services Assistant Director Donnette Burrowes-Williams asked her if she was interested in applying for the full-time care coordinator position. She jumped at the chance.

"I like office work," Moran said. While she didn't mind the work she did as a Home Friend, she said, "I like to learn different things. And I'm a quick learner."

Her application came with good recommendations.

"Anne is a wonderful and beautiful person to work with and she truly excels at anything she puts her mind to. It was truly my pleasure to have her as an employee," said former Home Friends Program Coordinator Doreatha Wertz. "I know that she will be a wonderful care coordinator because she cares about people and their needs."

Former Home Friend client Shirley Kellam, who lives at Commons Senior, agrees.

"She was like a daughter that I didn't have," Kellam said. "I enjoyed being around her."

Kellam said Moran did grocery shopping for her and always called to ask about purchasing substitutes if she couldn't find exactly what was on the list.

While Kellam misses Moran, the two have stayed in touch. "I'm glad for her," Kellam said.

Family Resource Success Center Director Joann Williams-Swiney referred Moran to Burrowes-Williams when she learned about the care coordinator position. Moran had been a volunteer at the center since April 2014. Even after becoming a Home Friend in March 2015, she stayed on as a volunteer at the center in the afternoon.

"Anne is one of those individuals who comes along that truly embodies the mission of New Community. She sees our purpose for us being in the community and she wants to help out," Williams-Swiney said. "She had a desire to help out and that's why she continued on."

Williams-Swiney said Moran was loved by her peers and clients at the Family Resource Success Center. While Williams-Swiney will miss Moran, she's grateful she had the opportunity to become a care coordinator.

"I miss volunteering at the Resource Center," Moran said. But she is still involved in NJ SHARES, a nonprofit that partners with organizations like NCC to help families in financial crisis pay their energy bills. She was the main point of contact for that program while volunteering.

Moran is enjoying her care coordinator role. "So far, so good," she said.