

# NEW COMMUNITY CLARION



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## LONGTIME SECURITY PERSONNEL REFLECT ON TIME AT NCC



Security Officer William Folsom and Security Officer Michelle Grier-Porch (above) and Security Officer Gerard Mansare and Sgt. Jerome Barrow (below) have each worked at New Community for several decades.



It's rare for an individual to stay with a particular company for decades, but there are five members of New Community's Security Department who have worked for the organization for 30 years or more. Jerome Barrow, William Folsom, Michelle Grier-Porch, Malinda Liptrot and Gerard Mansare have more than 165 years of service to New Community combined.

Folsom has the longest tenure with New Community. He will celebrate 40 years as a security officer in August. He has worked mainly in the organization's residential buildings, with Hudson Senior in Jersey City currently serving as his main post. He started his NCC career at Extended Care where he met his wife who was working in the facility's kitchen. The couple will celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary in August.

He enjoys his work and doesn't have plans to leave.

"I could retire now but I'm just not ready to sit back yet," Folsom said. "I like being around different people."

Grier-Porch greets visitors at the New Community Health Care Building, which houses [New Community Career & Technical Institute](#)

## THE CEO'S CORNER | BY SIMONE GAGNERON

Greetings everyone,

I hope you all are having a fabulous spring! We have been pretty busy at NCC. 2023 kicked off and we have remained steadfast in bringing more services and support to our residents, clients and the Newark community at large.

Our very own Family Service Bureau of Newark (FSB) has been holding educational seminars and workshops on mental health and substance abuse awareness. [Click here](#) to learn more about the services offered. If you or someone you know requires immediate help, contact 973-412-2056 for FSB's Newark location or 201-246-8077 for FSB's Kearny office.

I would like to thank [Prudential Foundation](#) for their generous donation of laptops that will be placed in our senior building community rooms. I would also like to thank our partners from [AFM](#) who helped us beautify the [Extended Care](#) garden for Spring Up on May 5. (See page 7 for photos from Spring Up.)

May brings flowers and June brings graduates. To our [NCCTI](#), [HHELC](#) and [CHELC](#) graduates, we would like to say CONGRATULATIONS and we are proud of each and every one of you. Graduates, please remember you are always a part of the NCC family and we want to hear from you so keep in touch.

We are excited about our upcoming events: on July 14, Monsignor Linder Plaza will host its grand reopening of Jazz Nights. On July 27, we will host our annual [Health Fair](#) where you can receive free health screenings, free vaccines, food, refreshments, music and games. (See the flyer with more details on page 4.) After a three-year break, our largest fundraiser, Golfing for a Cause, will return on Oct. 5 at Cedar Hill County Club in Livingston. Visit [newcommunity.org/golf](#) for more information. (See the Save the Date on page 8.)

Enjoy the rest of your spring and summer. We look forward to seeing you at our events and thanks for being part of the NCC family!

Be safe and be well.

Simone Gagneron, CEO

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# AROUND THE NETWORK

## CELEBRATING ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS

New Community held the Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon on April 28 at Monsignor William J. Linder Plaza to recognize employees who serve in those roles. The employees enjoyed lunch and participated in a raffle drawing to win [ShopRite](#) gift cards. New Community thanks everyone for their hard work and commitment and hopes everyone enjoyed themselves!



## THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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## Want to Support New Community?

You can make a difference in the lives of inner city residents by making an online donation. Visit [newcommunity.org](http://newcommunity.org) and click “[Donate](#)” to give today! We appreciate all support.

## RESIDENTS ENJOY MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON

Residents of Commons Senior, 140 South Orange Ave., Newark, were treated to a Mother’s Day Luncheon on May 11 in the building’s Community Room. *Photos courtesy of Jill DeRios.*



## EARLY LEARNING TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, teachers at New Community’s early learning centers were treated to lunch. Pictured are educators at [Harmony House Early Learning Center \(HHELC\)](#) receiving lunch on May 12. New Community thanks each and every teacher for their hard work.



## MOTHERS ENJOY ZUMBA AHEAD OF THEIR SPECIAL DAY

Hudson Senior, 21-27 Orchard St., Jersey City, hosted a Mother’s Day Zumba Party on May 10 in the building’s Community Room. *Photos courtesy of Vivian Le.*



## STRUTTING HER STUFF ON THE CATWALK

Norva Pompey, a resident of Orange Senior, 132 William St., Orange, shows off her outfit ahead of the City of Orange Easter Senior Fashion Show on April 13. The event was held at the Walter G. Alexander Senior Homes in Orange. *Photo courtesy of Alisha Chatman-Jenkins.*





# NCCTI TRAINED COOK NOW WORKS AT EXTENDED CARE

Stephanie Bere was studying business administration at [Essex County College](#) when she realized she didn't want to work in that field. She has always loved cooking and decided to investigate it as a career option.

[New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) helped Bere pursue her passion through training in the Culinary Arts Specialist program. She had a friend who was in NCCTI's Patient Care Technician program who recommended the accredited school. Bere called NCCTI for more information and enrolled. She was in class from March to September 2021.

Bere excelled in the Culinary Arts Specialist program and upon completion, was offered a job at [New Community Extended Care Facility](#). She started in a part-time position in October of 2021 but quickly transitioned to a full-time role. She currently works the 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift, preparing dinner for the residents of Extended Care.

Bere enjoys the work and finds the schedule convenient for a culinary career since she has a 4-year-old son.

Her favorite part of the job is working with her colleagues.

"It's like a family," she said.

New Community Food Service Director Nelson Gibson calls Bere a great product of NCCTI and an asset to his department.

"She is always positive with her attitude, very well-liked by the staff, a very pleasant person and a skilled cook far beyond her years," he said. "It is always a pleasure having her on staff because she is a team player and always goes above and beyond her duties."

Bere has been surrounded by cooking since she was young. Her mother had a restaurant

in Africa, where she was born and raised. Bere came to the United States in 2013 at the age of 20. Before starting classes at NCCTI, she worked as a cashier in a New York restaurant.

She had a positive experience as a student at NCCTI. While she already knew how to cook, the school expanded her repertoire of dishes since she mainly cooked African food. The Culinary Arts Specialist program introduced her to American-style cuisine, some of which she had never made before.

NCCTI Culinary Arts Instructor Samuel Gaddy said Bere was a model student and that Extended Care is lucky to have her on staff.

"Ms. Bere is an awesome cook with a vibrant personality to match. Her positive energy and her ability to absorb her training here at NCCTI made her the perfect candidate for any job in the food industry," he said. "We lucked out and acquired a great asset to our team."

NCCTI Director Dr. Sylvia McCray is happy that Bere has been able to use her certification to launch her culinary career within New Community.

"I was pleased to learn that Ms. Bere was able to showcase her talent, skill and knowledge. And bring it forward to Extended Care," McCray said. "She has shown a clear connection between the work and dedication to learning, a necessary component to reach set goals."

The educational foundation Bere received at NCCTI, along with the experience she is getting as a professional cook at Extended Care will help her achieve her ultimate goal.

"One day in the future, I want to open a restaurant," she said.

Bere is grateful to have found New Community for her education and the start of



Stephanie Bere completed the Culinary Arts Specialist program at New Community Career & Technical Institute (NCCTI) in 2021 and then began working as a cook at New Community Extended Care Facility.

her culinary career.

"NCC helped me a lot," she said.

NCCTI is an accredited post-secondary career and technical institution that is currently enrolling for the following programs: Automotive Technician, Building Trades Specialist, Medical Assistant Clinical, Patient Care Technician and Culinary Arts Specialist. NCCTI also operates a comprehensive Financial Opportunity Center and Bridges to Career Opportunities Program sponsored by the local and national Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) offices. For more information, call 973-824-6484, log onto [newcommunitytech.edu](#) or visit 274 South Orange Ave., Newark.

New Community Extended Care is a skilled nursing facility located at 266 South Orange Ave., Newark. For more information, visit [newarknursinghome.org](#) or call 973-624-2020.

# NCC EARLY LEARNING CENTER CELEBRATES EASTER

Children at [Community Hills Early Learning Center \(CHELC\)](#), 85 Irvine Turner Boulevard, Newark, enjoyed time outside on April 6 at the facility's Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day. Each class had the opportunity to participate in an egg hunt, visit with the Easter Bunny and play on inflatables. We thank all the families that came out for the event. It was a good time for everyone involved. [Click here for more photos.](#)



# NCC PARTICIPATES IN NJPAC WELLNESS FAIR



New Community had a table at the [New Jersey Performing Arts Center \(NJPAC\)](#) Wellness Fair on April 26. Representatives from [New Community Extended Care Facility](#) and [Family Service Bureau of Newark](#)

(FSB) attended the event and distributed information about New Community programs and services to participants.

# NCC WOMEN ATTEND UNITED WAY EVENT



Staff members from New Community had the opportunity to attend the Women United Rise and Shine event put on by [United Way of Northern New Jersey](#) on March 24. NCC was proud

to support ALICE, which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. Photo courtesy of Simone Gagneron.



## NEWARK COUNCILMAN KELLY VISITS NEW COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

Residents of Roseville Senior, 1 South Eighth St., Newark, got to visit with West Ward Councilman Dupré Kelly on May 11. He visited the building to distribute food, Mother's Day presents and flowers. He also spoke to residents and encouraged them to attend the Black Health Matters Spring Health Summit & Expo on May 20. [Click here for more photos.](#)



## ESSEX COUNTY OFFICIALS DISTRIBUTE FOOD AT ORANGE SENIOR

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr., Essex County Director of the Department of Citizen Services Anibal Ramos Jr. and Essex County Director of the Office of Senior Services Maurice J. Brown came to Orange Senior, 132 William St., Orange, on May 4 to distribute food boxes to building residents. New Community CEO Simone Gagneron assisted with the distribution and thanked officials for their continued support of our senior residents. The food boxes were provided on behalf of the Essex County Executive and the Board of County Commissioners. [Click here for more photos.](#)



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(NCCTI), [New Community Federal Credit Union \(NCFCU\)](#), the [Family Resource Success Center](#), [Family Service Bureau of Newark \(FSB\)](#) and [Supportive Assistance to Individuals and Families \(SAIF\)](#). She has

worked at New Community for nearly 34 years as a security officer, serving in residential buildings and [New Horizons Community Charter School](#), which used to fall under NCC, in addition to her current post.

She plans to stay at New Community until retirement.

"I love my job. I love working with the people that I work with," Grier-Porch said. "New Community's a good place to be."

Mansare will reach 30 years at New Community in August. He first learned about New Community from NCC's late founder Monsignor William J. Linder, who was serving as the pastor at St. Rose of Lima Church in Newark. Mansare is a very traditional Catholic and was searching for a church after coming to the United States from Guinea in West Africa. He found St. Rose of Lima and became close with Monsignor Linder who encouraged him to continue his education and told him about the security positions available at New Community.

Monsignor Linder connected Mansare to lawyers to help him bring his fiancée to the United States. He wed the couple and baptized each of their three children. Mansare's connection to Monsignor Linder and his coworkers has kept him at the organization.

"I love New Community," he said. "It's like a family."

Security Sgt. Barrow has worked at New Community for about 30 years. He left the organization for a time to deal with family issues but decided to return.

"I came back because I love New Community," he said. "I loved the job I was doing."

Barrow first came to New Community as a security officer in 1979, shortly after the organization had finished construction on many of its residential buildings. He has worked at a variety of sites and all shifts and was promoted to supervisor. He now supervises the 4 p.m. to midnight shift, ensuring the safety and security of residents, staff members and New Community property.

Security Operations Manager Derek White is proud of the longtime personnel on his staff.

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NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

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Health Fair includes:

-Free health screenings

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# FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU OF NEWARK: RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

According to the [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#), “Every year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition, as one in five U.S. adults will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime. However, everyone is affected or impacted by mental illness through friends and family.”

May as Mental Health Month (MHM) was started many years ago by [Mental Health America](#) to raise awareness about mental health conditions and related issues in the United States. Also, we can’t forget our youth. According to the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), for youth between the ages of 10 and 24, suicide is the third leading cause of death. More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than

from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza and chronic lung disease combined. It results in approximately 4,600 lives lost each year.

Mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. [Family Service Bureau of Newark \(FSB\)](#) offers services to help. With two locations, in Newark and Kearny, many of our clients seek treatment for depression, anxiety, ADHD, bipolar disorder, PTSD and substance use disorders. Getting help now is easier than ever. Scan the QR code provided and fill out the information requested. Someone will reach out to schedule an intake.

**FSB Newark Office:**  
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973-412-2056

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379 Kearny Ave., Kearny, NJ 07032  
973-286-8077

**QR code for FSB Interest Form:**



## EXTENDED CARE CELEBRATES ADOPT-A-RESIDENT DAY

Staff members at [New Community Extended Care Facility](#), 266 South Orange Ave., Newark, celebrated Adopt-a-Resident Day on May 17 by giving gifts to those living at the facility. The day was part of National Skilled Nursing Care Week, held from May 14-20, 2023, and is meant to show appreciation for residents. [Click here for more photos.](#)



### SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS: SOCIAL SECURITY SUPPORTS TEACHERS ONLINE

BY AMMY PLUMMER,  
SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGER, SPRINGFIELD  
AVENUE, NEWARK, NJ

Well-informed instructors can have a powerful and positive influence on their students. That’s why we created an Educator Toolkit. It’s a shareable online resource for teachers to engage students and educate them on Social Security. The toolkit includes:

- Lesson plans with objectives.
- Infographics and handouts for each lesson plan.
- Links to Social Security webpages.
- Talking points.
- Quiz questions and answers.

You can access the toolkit at [www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/educators.html](http://www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/educators.html).

We value and welcome the efforts all teachers make to educate America’s young people. We want to help spark discussion with students about Social Security. Please share our toolkit with the educators in your communities today!

### NCCTI WELCOMES NEW CLASS OF AUTOMOTIVE, PCT STUDENTS

New Community Career & Technical Institute (NCCTI) hosted orientation for its newest Automotive Technician students on March 23 and its newest class of Patient Care Technician (PCT) students on March 24. The students met members of the NCCTI staff, learned the policies and procedures and had the opportunity to ask questions. The session for both classes began on March 27.

Wellness Tip  
June 2023

## Protect Your Skin: Strategies for Preventing Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common kind of cancer in the United States. There are 3 main types of skin cancer; Basal cell carcinoma, Squamous cell carcinoma, and Melanoma. Protecting your skin today may help prevent skin cancer later on.

Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Apply generously and reapply every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. Make sure to cover all exposed areas of your skin, and don't forget to use chapstick with SPF to protect your lips.

Check your skin for changes regularly. Look for any new or changing moles or spots. Be aware of any itching, scaling, or bleeding.

Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Cover up with long sleeves, long pants or a long skirt, a hat, and sunglasses

For more information about VNA Health Group's services & programs, please call 800.862.3330 or visit [vnahg.org](http://vnahg.org)



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: EMILY COOTE



**Emily Coote is a Relocation Case Manager at Harmony House.**

Emily Coote is a Relocation Case Manager at [Harmony House](#), New Community’s transitional housing facility for homeless families, on July 11, 2022. She was made a full-time employee and currently serves as a Relocation Case Manager at Harmony House.

Coote focuses on finding permanent housing for Harmony House residents in her current role. She goes out in the field to find apartments and researches as much information as possible about subsidized housing, low-income housing, affordable housing and market rent rates in the area. In addition, she provides resources to help clients obtain employment and creates individual service plans for them.

Finding permanent housing that clients can afford is challenging.

“It’s very difficult because we’re in an era where the demand is so high but the supply is extremely low,” Coote said.

She doesn’t let the circumstances discourage her, however. She is continuously looking for ways to help her clients move to self-sufficiency and has helped several move into permanent housing.

Emily Coote has a passion for helping others which she has turned into a career. She first came to New Community as a volunteer while in college, assisting at the [Family Resource Success Center](#). She continued

volunteering even after graduation and became a

temporary Case Manager at

[Harmony House](#), New Community’s transitional housing facility for homeless families, on July 11, 2022. She was made a full-time employee and currently serves as a Relocation Case Manager at Harmony House.

Harmony House Director Yonette Fredericks said Coote came to the department with optimism and an eagerness to help clients overcome their barriers to obtaining permanent housing.

“Ms. Coote, willing to pitch in wherever she is needed, continues to be a beacon of hope for the clients and, ultimately, her peers,” Fredericks said. “The Harmony House team is pleased to have such a bright and tenacious Relocation Case Manager who continues to demonstrate the passion and commitment to aiding the fight against homelessness.”

Coote has always been passionate about helping others. In her free time, she fed the homeless and hosted clothing drives. She grew fond of New Community and its mission when she began volunteering at the Family Resource Success Center. Director Joann Williams-Swiney suggested that she apply for a job with the organization and provided her with a recommendation.

“Emily was and is courteous and kind to every client she encounters. She is straightforward in a respectful way which fosters a connection with the clients she works with. She is a go-getter and a determined young woman who cares about those in her community,” Williams-Swiney said. “Emily truly embodies the mission of NCC.”

Coote decided she wanted a career in social work shortly after starting her post-secondary education at [Essex County College](#). Coote’s mother, who passed away when she was born, was a social worker. When she was 19, Coote learned about her mother’s career and the passion she had for helping others. She was told firsthand accounts of how her mother had helped people and made a positive difference in their lives. It was then she decided to pursue social work as a career. After Essex County College, Coote attended [Rutgers-Newark](#) and graduated with a major in social work and a

minor in women and gender studies.

Coote previously worked at [Overlook Medical Center](#) in Summit in an administrative role. After the COVID-19 pandemic hit, she took a job as a tool rental associate at [Home Depot](#), where she rented out equipment and demonstrated how it worked to customers. She enjoyed the position but wanted to find a role to use her social work degree.

The best part of the job for Coote happens when a client thanks her and understands the services she is providing.

Coote is grateful that Harmony House exists in the area because it offers private space for families, which is rare. Most shelters have communal areas instead of individual units with private kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms.

“I tell the clients all day that this shelter is considered the W [Hotel] to any other shelter in this city and in this county,” she said.

In addition to privacy, Harmony House residents also have access to all the other services New Community provides, including mental health counseling from [Family Service Bureau of Newark \(FSB\)](#); free tax prep, furniture assistance and energy bill assistance at the Family Resource Success Center; and educational services from [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#).

Coote doesn’t limit her contributions at Harmony House to her official duties as a relocation case manager. She also pitches ideas for events that she coordinates if they get approved. Right before Valentine’s Day she arranged for licensed individuals to provide haircuts and hair braiding for Harmony House children.

“I like that Ms. Fredericks allows me to bring in some ideas and actually execute them,” she said. “It was a real success.”

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: GENE PHIPPS

If you’re familiar with the jazz scene in Newark, it’s likely you know of Gene Phipps and the Phipps family, which has been called Newark’s first family of jazz. Phipps is 74 and has been a resident of Douglas Homes, 15 Hill St., Newark, for nine years.

The building was familiar to Phipps prior to him becoming a resident. He performed there in 1969 when it was the Douglas Hotel, playing with his father and another musician five nights a week. He has also performed at a number of jazz clubs in Newark that have since closed, at Rutgers and beginning in 1986 at the Priory, which is now Monsignor William J. Linder Plaza.

Phipps, who plays saxophone and flute, was introduced to music from the time he was a baby. He was born in Montclair and lived there until he was 3 when his family moved to the Bronx. He remembers his father and uncles always playing music. When Phipps was 11, his mother passed away and he moved back to New Jersey to East Orange where his grandmother helped raise him and his sister.

Though he lost his mother at a young age, Phipps said he remembers her teaching him how to dance the calypso and the merengue.

“So I always had an affinity for Latin jazz music,” he said. “I speak the language. I play the

language too.”

Phipps’ interest in music only grew with age. He said he was lucky to have graduated from high school because he spent his evenings immersed in the culture.

“I was always at the nightclubs listening to my cousins and my father during the week,” he said. “I would come home at 2 o’clock, 3 o’clock in the morning and hit the window for my sister to let me in.”

As he got older, he started playing. Phipps has had quite the musical career, performing with many jazz greats, including Sarah Vaughn, Max Roach, and Abbey Lincoln. He also performed with the Jacksons, at the inauguration of Newark’s first Black Mayor Ken Gibson and at the wake for New Community founder Monsignor William J. Linder.

Phipps is also friendly with a lot of familiar names, including Robert DeNiro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Frankie Valli and Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo.

While not all of his neighbors at Douglas Homes know of his musical journey, Phipps said he is well-known in the building. He can often be found in the Community Room playing the piano or one of his instruments.

Douglas Homes Resident Services Coordinator Edris Grosvenor called Phipps one of the building’s most interesting residents.

“He has a wide range of stories. He’s also a historian of the Newark area. He came into the office and was sharing with me the history of the Douglas Homes building,” she said. “When I need to get any information with regard to anything in Newark, I ask Mr. Phipps to come see me.”

Phipps’ advice for those interested in pursuing a career in music is to practice, don’t get mixed up in drugs and prioritize your education.

“Go to college,” he said. “You can be somebody. You can make some real money. If you don’t become a superstar, you have something to fall back on.”



**Gene Phipps has lived at Douglas Homes for nine years.**



## GIRLS, DADS ENJOY TIME TOGETHER AT FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

New Community’s Youth Services Department hosted its annual Father-Daughter Dance on April 29 at Monsignor William J. Linder Plaza, 233 West Market St., Newark. Girls ages 4 to 17 and their fathers or significant male role models enjoyed an evening of dancing, food and prizes. It was great to see the family fun! *Photos courtesy of Youth Services.* [Click here for more photos.](#)



## NEW COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERS BEAUTIFY EXTENDED CARE

As part of New Community’s beautification initiative Spring Up, the organization’s employees and volunteers from [AFM Insurance](#) planted flowers and laid down mulch at [New Community Extended Care Facility](#), 266 South Orange Ave., Newark. New Community employees worked on the front of the building on April 28 and volunteers from AFM Insurance joined them on May 5 to beautify the back courtyard. We thank everyone who donated their time to make the space look beautiful! [Click here for more photos.](#)



## NEW COMMUNITY RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH FAIR

Gardens Senior, 265 Morris Ave., Newark, was the site of a health fair for residents on May 18. Those living in the building came down to the Community Room and were able to get health screenings and receive health information, food and giveaways. Thank you to [Aetna](#), the [Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness](#), [Clara Maass Medical Center](#) and [LIBERTY Dental Plan](#) for participating. [Click here to view additional photos.](#)



## CHELC CELEBRATES MOTHERS

The Parent Committee at [Community Hills Early Learning Center \(CHELC\)](#), 85 Irvine Turner Boulevard, Newark, hosted a Mother’s Day celebration on May 15 for the students’ moms. Participants enjoyed breakfast, sweets and raffles. [Click here for more photos.](#)



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“They are all an asset to NCC and continue to help residents improve the quality of their lives,” he said. “I’d like to personally thank them for all they have done and continue to do. Their contributions are an important part of our continued success.”

The group of longtime employees has seen many changes over the years, including the expansion of buildings and services. Folsom remembers the creation of [Harmony House](#), New Community’s transitional housing facility for homeless families, as well as the opening of the Health Care Building. The group also saw residential buildings go up and the rehabilitation of properties.

Commitment to New Community’s mission, a desire to help others and a sense of camaraderie has kept the longtime members of the Security Department at the organization.

“In the Security Department, we all stick together to try to make everything better than before,” Barrow said. “You learn from your mistakes, build from your mistakes and you move on.”

While some are nearing retirement, they’re happy to come to work each day.

“Anybody that comes in that needs help, New Community is there,” Grier-Porch said. “I’m glad that we can be of help to them.”

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