

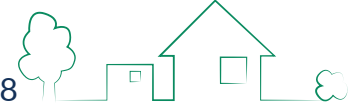
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CARDINAL TOBIN HOLDS MASS AND BLESSES CHAPEL AT NEW COMMUNITY EXTENDED CARE FACILITY



Cardinal Joseph Tobin conducts the inaugural mass at the New Community Extended Care Facility chapel on March 27.

New Community Extended Care Facility, 266 South Orange Ave., Newark, welcomed Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark, for mass on March 27 where he blessed the facility's newly finished chapel.

New Community Interim Board Chairman Edgar Nemorin welcomed Cardinal Tobin, priests, New Community Board members, NCC staff members and Extended Care residents and staff to the inaugural mass.

"As we gather today for this blessing at this holy sanctuary, we are honored and appreciative to have Cardinal Tobin celebrate the first mass here," he said. "Let this place be a safe place for peace and reflection for all because we are all God's children."

New Community CEO Simone Gagneron said Cardinal Tobin's visit to Extended Care was very meaningful.

"Cardinal Tobin's presence was inspirational and impactful for both residents and staff at Extended Care," she said. "We thank him for holding mass and blessing the facility's chapel, which will serve residents of all faiths."

Cardinal Tobin first visited Extended Care in February 2018 and conducted mass in the facility's then smaller chapel. New Community founder Monsignor William J. Linder invited Cardinal Tobin to hold mass in the chapel, which was dedicated to Pope Francis. At the time, plans were in the works to expand the chapel to what it is today. At the end of that visit, Cardinal Tobin promised to return to bless the renovated chapel. Monsignor Linder passed away in June 2018, but the chapel renovations were completed and New Community staff members reached back out to Cardinal Tobin to invite him back.

"I'm delighted to return here and to feel the spirit of Monsignor Linder," Cardinal Tobin said.

Extended Care Administrator Veronica Onwunaka was present in 2018 when Cardinal Tobin first visited. She said for his most recent visit to occur during the most holy week of the Catholic calendar was remarkable and that she was blessed to be leading

THE CEO'S CORNER | BY SIMONE GAGNERON



Greetings Family,

As we approach spring, the spirit of renewal can be felt throughout NCC. We are grateful and honored that for 56 years right here in Newark, N.J. we are dedicated to making a difference in our community. This season holds a special significance – a time for reflection, growth and inspiration.

Recently, NCC had the honor of hosting a distinguished visitor whose presence illuminated our mission and energized our team.

Cardinal Tobin graced our organization with his wisdom and compassion, leaving an indelible mark on our collective spirit.

The cardinal's visit was not merely ceremonial; as he held mass, it was a profound reminder of the values that drive our work. As he walked through our facilities, engaged with our staff, patiently took photos and listened to the stories of those we serve, his genuine empathy resonated with everyone present. His words echoed the core principles of compassion, service and solidarity that guide our organization's endeavors.

During our conversations with Cardinal Tobin, he shared insights that went beyond the boundaries of faith and touched the essence of humanity. He emphasized the importance of humility in leadership, urging us to remain grounded in our commitment to serve others selflessly. His message reaffirmed our belief that true leadership stems from a deep sense of empathy and a genuine desire to have lifelong positive change.

Today, we find ourselves rejuvenated by the cardinal's visit, inspired to increase our efforts in pursuit of our mission. His presence served as a catalyst for introspection, prompting us to reflect on our achievements, acknowledge our challenges and chart a course for the future with renewed vigor.

In the coming months, we are committed to building upon the momentum generated by this transformative experience. Our [Youth Services Department](#) will host its second annual Family Sneaker Ball Gala in early June, which will be a great time for families to come together and have fun. [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) will host a graduation ceremony on June 14 to celebrate its students. The annual New Community Health Fair will take place on July 25, which will connect community members to a variety of resources and screenings. We hope you will join us!

As we embrace the season of renewal, let us carry forward the spirit of inspiration ignited by Cardinal Tobin's visit. Thank you for your continued support, passion and dedication to our shared vision. By working together, I am confident that we can build a stronger, more vibrant community for generations to come.

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NEW COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY ASSISTS THOSE IN NEED

New Community's [Emergency Food Pantry](#) distributes food on the first Tuesday of each month and the first business day after the 15th of each month. New Jersey residents can visit the facility at 220 Bruce St., Newark, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (while supplies last) to receive items. Call 973-623-6114 with any questions.



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NCC ROSEVILLE SENIOR RECEIVES DONATIONS

Nikia Sharp brought donations she collected with her friends to Roseville Senior, 1 South 8th St., Newark. Items included food, snacks and personal care products. New Community thanks the group for their generosity. *Photos courtesy of Gladys Artis.*



NCCTI MEDICAL STUDENTS PASS NATIONAL EXAM

Two students in the Medical Assistant Clinical (MAC) program at New Community Career & Technical Institute (NCCTI) passed the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) exam in March. Passing the exam provides them with the necessary certification to be employed as medical assistants in health care facilities. New Community congratulates Taisha Clemons and Tyannah Frazier on their accomplishment and wishes them all the best on their new careers. *Photo courtesy of Chanda Webb.*



NCC RESIDENTS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Residents of Associates, 180 South Orange Ave., Newark, celebrated their birthdays in February and March. New Community wishes all the residents many more happy birthdays to come. *Photos courtesy of Anne Moran.*



Residents of Associates celebrated March birthdays on March 27 in the Community Room.



Associates residents with birthdays in February celebrated on Feb. 29 in the Community Room.

NEW COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE REACHED CAREER MILESTONES

New Community hosted Employee Appreciation Day on March 1, which was National Employee Appreciation Day, to honor and celebrate employees who reached career milestones in 2023. A total of 46 employees were recognized at the event with a combined total of 590 years of service.

New Community CEO Simone Gagneron told the honorees that the organization would not be able to fulfill its mission without them.

“These milestones do not only represent years of service, but they represent individual lives that you have changed for the better,” she said. “This work would not be possible without your commitment, your dedication and all the results of what you all have presented. NCC would not be possible without you. So we are truly grateful and we appreciate you all.”

New Community Director of Human Resources Benjamin Galvez said all honorees have demonstrated a commitment to the people NCC serves every day.

“We recognize that fulfilling our mission is a challenging endeavor, one that never ends,” he said. “We appreciate you and today we say congratulations and a most sincere thank you for your years of dedication.”

Two members of NCC’s Environmental Services team were recognized for 40 years of service to the organization: Bryant Hall and Linda Studivant.

New Community Director of Environmental Services Wayne Gravesande said they both embody NCC.

“They make the wheels turn. Linda, thank you for all your service and your help day in and day out. Without you, a piece would be missing. Bryant, you’re a pillar here,” he said. “Linda, Bryant, thank you from the bottom of my heart and from New Community, the Executive Team, Board and all of your peers.”

Hall said he, like many other honorees, have seen highs and lows over the years, but the mission always shines through.

“The spirit of New Community is about people,” he said. “Lifting those that need help. Helping those to stand that need to stand and can no longer stand on their own. Everyone in this room has served this purpose in one way or another.”

New Community Director of Mission Frances Teabout said the celebration provides NCC employees who may work behind the scenes the opportunity to hear praise that leadership hears more frequently.

“Today, we want to say a loud thank you for all that you do. Thank you for touching the lives of our people. Thank you for making New Community look good,” she said. “We’re saying it loud and we’re saying it for the people in the back.”

Each honoree who reached a milestone year was presented with a certificate and later received a rewards program gift, which was based on years of service.

[Click here for more photos and the full list of honorees.](#)



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Bryant Hall and Linda Studivant from Environmental Services who celebrated 40 years of service to NCC.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Security Officer William Folsom who celebrated 35 years of service to NCC.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Extended Care employee Dolores Thomas, Chief Financial Officer Elizabeth Mbakaya and Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri who celebrated 25 years of service to NCC.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Extended Care employees Yetunde Amokun and Kala Boxcell who celebrated 20 years of service to NCC during Employee Appreciation Day on March 1.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Security Sgt. Jerome Barrow, Adult Learning Center employee Rosa Ramirez and Security employee John Mensah who celebrated 15 years of service to NCC.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with employees celebrating 10 years of service to NCC during the Employee Appreciation Day celebration on March 1.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron, back, with employees celebrating five years of service to NCC during Employee Appreciation Day on March 1.



Bryant Hall and Linda Studivant, standing, receive a round of applause for their 40 years of service to New Community during Employee Appreciation Day.

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the facility during the spiritual visit.

“It is something that will forever remain in our lives and in the history of this facility,” she said. “The Cardinal’s visit continued to strengthen our faith and continued to give us that zeal to get up every day and do the best we can to better the lives of our residents and everyone who comes into our building.”

A group of Extended Care residents sang during the mass, including solo performances by Evone Wooten and King Percy.

To ensure Extended Care all residents and staff members could participate, video of the mass was streamed in the Activity Room.

[Click here for more photos and to watch a video of the mass.](#)



New Community Outreach Coordinator and Board Member Ex-Officio Madge Wilson talks with Cardinal Joseph Tobin during his visit to New Community Extended Care Facility on March 27.



Cardinal Joseph Tobin with members of New Community leadership. Pictured from left to right: first NCC employee Cecilia Faulks (retired), Extended Care Administrator Veronica Onwunaka, Director of Mission Frances Teabout, retired CEO Richard Rohrman, Board Member Fernando Colon, Outreach Coordinator and Board Member Ex-Officio Madge Wilson, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, CEO Simone Gagneron, Interim Board Chairman Edgar Nemorin, CFO Elizabeth Mbakaya, Director of Human Resources Benjamin Galvez and Environmental Services Director Wayne Gravesande.

NCC LEADERSHIP MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRITY READ

Several members of New Community leadership participated in a celebrity read on March 4 at [Sir Isaac Newton Elementary School](#) in Newark as part of Read Across America Week. CEO Simone Gagneron, Director of Mission Frances Teabout, Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri and SAIF and Home Friend Program Director Dr. Jackie Andrews all participated. *Photos courtesy of Sir Isaac Newton Elementary School.*



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron participates in a class activity at Sir Isaac Newton Elementary School on March 4 as part of the celebrity read program.



New Community Director of Mission Frances Teabout.



New Community Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri.



New Community SAIF and Home Friend Program Director Dr. Jackie Andrews.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron.

CHELC STUDENTS PERFORM IN BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

[Community Hills Early Learning Center \(CHELC\)](#) invited families to watch students perform in a Black History program on Feb. 23 in honor of Black History Month. The children sang songs, recited poetry, danced and shared what they want to be when they grow up. [Click here for more photos.](#)



NCC RESIDENTS ENJOY CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS

Residents of Associates, 180 South Orange Ave., Newark, had the opportunity to participate in a chair exercise fitness class on March 22 in the building’s Community Room, which was sponsored by Newark Council President LaMonica McIver. *Photos courtesy of Anne Moran.*



FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU OF NEWARK: RECOGNIZING SOCIAL WORKERS

Why did the calendar go to therapy? Because its days were numbered and it had a week ahead!

As the frosty grip of winter loosens, March not only heralds the arrival of the much-anticipated spring season but also shines a spotlight on the unsung heroes in the mental health and addiction field during National Social Work Month. This is a time when flowers begin to bloom, and so does the recognition of social workers' invaluable contributions to our community's well-being.

Spring symbolizes new beginnings and growth, themes that resonate deeply within the mental health and addiction sectors. It's a season that reminds us of the resilience of the human spirit, much like the work of social workers who plant seeds of hope and nurture them into full bloom through their unwavering commitment and compassion.

Social workers, in their quest to support those dealing with mental health and addiction, often become masters of finding the silver lining. They help us see that after the longest winters, spring always returns, bringing with it the promise of brighter days. They are the architects of hope, constructing bridges over troubled waters with patience and empathy.

[Family Service Bureau of Newark \(FSB\)](#) would like to remind everyone of the vital role our professionals play, not just in the spring but all year round. They are like the season's first daffodils – symbols of resilience, renewal and the joy that comes from making a difference in someone's life. So, as we step into the freshness of spring, let's carry with us the lessons of healing.

As the days grow longer and the world around us awakens with new life, let's take a moment to appreciate the social workers in our lives. They remind us that healing is a journey, laughter is a powerful ally and no matter how tough the winter, spring always

follows. Here's to the social workers – may your spirits be as buoyant as the season and your contributions as appreciated as the first warm day of spring.

If you need to contact FSB or refer someone for a substance abuse or mental health

assessment, you can call 973-412-2056 for our Newark location at 274 South Orange Ave. or 201-246-8077 for our Kearny location at 379 Kearny Ave.



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*Weekdays and Saturdays courses are 9 and 21 weeks long depending on the selected one.

HELP WANTED: NCC IS HIRING

There are a number of open positions available with New Community Corporation in a variety of departments. To see all job listings, along with descriptions and requirements of each position, visit newcommunity.org and click "Careers." Click "Apply" next to the position of interest to see the full description and then "Apply Now" to complete the application process.

NCC requires job seekers to fill out an online application for consideration. If you have difficulty with the online application process, you can chat with a representative for technical support or check out the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#). For additional information, job seekers can call New Community's main phone number at 973-623-2800.

The site is continually updated, so check back often to see if there is a job of interest.



Wellness Tip
April 2024

How to Cope with Spring Allergies



Keep windows in your home closed.



Avoid going outdoors during peak pollen times. Pollen is higher on warm, breezy days, and is usually highest from 5 to 10 a.m. and at dusk.



If doing yard work or cutting grass, wear an N95-rated mask, gloves, and sunglasses/goggles.



Use a nasal rinse to flush out inhaled pollen out of your nose.



Clean pollen off pets with a towel before they enter your home.

For more information about VNA Health Group's services & programs, please call 800.862.3330 or visit vnahg.org

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: ALYSHA ALSTON



Alysha Alston joined New Community as the Home Friend Program Coordinator in January.

Alysha Alston enjoys working hands-on with both colleagues and clients. As the Home Friend Program Coordinator for New Community, she spends much of her time in the field recruiting clients, meeting with current clients and interacting with Home Friend staff members.

The Home Friend Program is designated for individuals 60 and older with Medicare only who live in Newark's Central Ward and need extra help with daily living needs, including light housekeeping, laundry and food shopping. The program is funded through a grant from Essex County so services are free for clients.

Alston joined New Community on Jan. 29 and immediately took on her role.

"Alysha hit the ground running with enthusiasm and excitement," said Home Friend Program Director Dr. Jackie Andrews. "She has embraced the commitment and compassion that I believe fosters the Home Friend Program and solidifies the mission of NCC."

Upon starting her employment, Alston introduced herself to the current clients in the program and the Home Friend staff members that she supervises. The program can employ up to six staff members and can service up to 60 clients. She ensures clients are receiving the proper services, coordinates schedules when unexpected incidents arise and makes sure Home Friend staff members have the supplies they need to complete their work.

Alston enjoys working with her team and finds it rewarding to hear about their work from those receiving services.

"When I go out in the community and I talk to the clients, they always give the Home Friends praise so it's always good to hear," she said.

Alston has a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in criminal justice. Upon graduation, she worked in group homes

for a decade, starting as a counselor and moving up to director. She has also worked in nursing homes, hospital settings and with children on the autism spectrum. While she has a vast amount of experience in the mental health field, she was looking for a change.

"When the opportunity came around to work with the elderly and still manage and do hands-on work, I jumped at the opportunity," she said of the Home Friend Program Coordinator position. "It seemed like it was everything I wanted it to be."

Her experience working at New Community has been positive.

"Everybody's been very friendly and welcoming," she said.

Alston enjoys having the opportunity to serve others. She has always been one to help people.

"In college, my friends always used me as the resource person," she said. "I would always link them to different people, things and jobs."

Alston lives in Union County with her fiancée and their dog, along with her stepson on the weekend. In her free time, she enjoys reading in a book club with her fiancée, spending time with family and being social.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: PEARL NICKERSON

Pearl Nickerson was one of the first people to move into New Community Orange Senior, 132 William St., Orange, and has lived in the same apartment for more than two decades.

She has spent her whole life in the area. She grew up in Orange and moved to East Orange after she married. When her husband passed away, she sold their East Orange home and moved back to Orange. She saw the construction at Orange Senior and then saw in the newspaper that the building would be senior housing and was looking for residents. She filled out an application and was accepted.

She enjoys living in the building, particularly its location.

"Everything is convenient. Everything you want you can get," she said. "It's very nice here."

At 99 years old, Nickerson spends much of her time watching television and participating in various activities in the building's Community Room, including holiday and birthday celebrations.

Orange Senior Resident Services Coordinator Sister Pauline Echebiri is grateful to have her in the building.

"Ms. Nickerson is a very gentle woman with a gentle spirit. She is loving and respects all — young and old alike," Echebiri said. "She is soft-spoken and participates in almost all activities here at Orange Senior."

Nickerson and her husband had eight children — five boys and three girls. Three of her sons have passed away, but her other children live relatively close by so she sees them frequently. Her oldest daughter does a lot of shopping for her.



Pearl Nickerson was one of the first residents of Orange Senior.

Nickerson has seen a lot of changes over the years. While there are some Orange Senior residents who moved in around the same time she did, she said, "There's not too many."

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS: SOCIAL SECURITY SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Running a small business can be a 24/7 endeavor. Managing employees, inventory, scheduling, services and marketing can be challenging.

If you're a small business owner, or you work for one, our online suite of services can help make your life easier. Our online business services at www.ssa.gov/employer

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Small business owners can also take advantage of our Business Services Online at www.ssa.gov/bsowelcome.htm. You must register to use this free

service. This service offers fast and secure online W-2 filing options to Certified Public Accountants, enrolled agents and individuals who process W-2s and W-2Cs.

For more information about electronic wage reporting, please read our publication at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10034.pdf.

NEW COMMUNITY CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HOSTS GUIDANCE COUNSELOR LUNCHEON FOR HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

New Community Career & Technical Institute (NCCTI), 274 South Orange Ave., Newark, invited area high school staff members to its first Guidance Counselor Luncheon on March 14. The event, held at Monsignor William J. Linder Plaza, introduced guidance counselors to NCCTI staff members, employer partners and students. They learned about the accredited school's post-secondary programs and had the opportunity to ask questions.

In addition to presentations from NCCTI staff, attendees heard from employer partners who work with the school and hire graduates. Brendan Gordon of RWJBarnabas Health said he looks forward to continuing the partnership with NCCTI.

"Every single student that's come through our system has been absolutely fantastic," he said.

David Hutchinson of Tremco, who also founded the Rising Stars program that introduces students in the NCCTI Building Trades Specialist program to a variety of speakers and opportunities in that industry, said he's happy to continue the three-year partnership with NCCTI.

Rebecca Colon of University Hospital discussed a recent trip NCCTI medical students took to the hospital where they had the opportunity to see medical staff in action and ask questions they had about the working environment.

Molly Cusack of Saint Michael's Medical Center talked about how her organization's talent acquisition specialists conducted mock interviews with NCCTI medical students to help prepare them for the hiring process.

"The students were fantastic," she said. "Three of them volunteered right away to do the mock interview in front of the entire class."

NCCTI Medical Assistant Clinical (MAC) graduate Sabriya Lovingood, NCCTI Patient Care Technician (PCT) graduate Monica Parker and current PCT student Christopher "Sky" Oms talked about their experiences at the school and answered questions.

Lovingood currently works at the Newark Community Health Centers in the OBGYN department. She was inspired to enter the medical field after accompanying her mother to the hospital and seeing the care she received. She is grateful she enrolled in NCCTI.

"I would like to thank everyone at NCCTI because you helped me so much and helped me grow so much and understand myself," she said.

Parker explained that she was the oldest student in her class but that didn't stop her from pursuing her certification and it didn't deter NCCTI staff members from helping her achieve her goals. She currently works at Saint Michael's Medical Center.

"The experience at the school is awesome. The staff is awesome," she said. "They pay attention to what you need. I needed a lot of support. And they gave it to me."

Oms is finishing up the PCT program at NCCTI and looks forward to starting his career in the medical field. He said his experience at NCCTI has been "amazing." He heard about the school from a friend who knew he was looking to start working in the medical field.



NCCTI Medical Assistant Clinical (MAC) graduate Sabriya Lovingood, Patient Care Technician (PCT) graduate Monica Parker and PCT student Christopher "Sky" Oms, left to right, share their experiences during the Guidance Counselor Luncheon.

"I always wanted to help people," he said.

That desire has motivated him to work hard to earn his certification. He walks to and from school every day and enjoys his time in the classroom.

"It's an amazing place to be," he said of NCCTI.

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. For more information, call 973-824-6484, email nccti@newcommunity.org, log onto newcommunitytech.edu or visit 274 South Orange Ave., Newark.

[Click here for more photos.](#)

EXTENDED CARE FACILITY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Residents and staff members at New Community Extended Care Facility, 266 South Orange Ave., Newark, celebrated Black History Month on Feb. 23. Residents shared information about prominent Black figures, sang songs, read poetry and talked about their life experiences. They also enjoyed a warm meal, music and dancing. [Click here for more photos.](#)



DISTRIBUTING EASTER BASKETS TO FAMILIES

New Community's Resident Services Department prepared and distributed Easter baskets to children living in its family housing units before the holiday. Photo courtesy of Anibal Alvelo.



NCC RESIDENTS TREATED TO FLOWERS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Newark West Ward Councilman Dupré Kelly sent flowers to the residents of Roseville Senior, 1 South 8th St., Newark, for Valentine's Day. Legislative Aide Hector Perez brought the flowers to the residents. Juanita Williamson accepts a flower from him on Feb. 14. Photo courtesy of Gladys Artis.





NCC YOUTH SERVICES HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

New Community's [Youth Services Department](#) hosted a Black History Month Celebration at the NCC Neighborhood Center, 56-68 Hayes St., Newark, on March 1. The children in NCC's after school programs participated in the event by reading poetry and sharing facts about Black figures who have made significant contributions, including Simone Biles, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jackson, Muhammad Ali and Beyonce. One group performed sections of The Wiz and another danced. [Click here for more photos.](#)



NCCTI WELCOMES PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AT INFO SESSIONS

New Community Career & Technical Institute (NCCTI), 274 South Orange Ave., Newark, hosted information sessions for its Automotive Technician and Building Trades Specialist programs on March 6 at the school's main campus. Prospective students met NCCTI staff, learned about the accredited programs and were walked through the enrollment process. They also had the opportunity to meet the instructors and ask questions. Anyone interested in enrolling in any of the school's programs should call 973-824-6484, text 914-627-8219 or email nccti@newcommunity.org. [Click here for more photos.](#)



NCCTI Admissions Representative Aziza Johnson speaks with individuals interested in the school's Building Trades Specialist program during an information session on March 6.

NCCTI Building Trades Specialist Instructor Yusto Awich speaks with prospective students during an information session on March 6 about the topics covered in the program.

NCCTI Automotive Technician Lead Instructor John Zaccheus introduces himself to individuals interested in the program at the information session on March 6.

EXTENDED CARE CELEBRATES 91ST BIRTHDAY OF NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR



Staff members at [New Community Extended Care Facility](#) celebrated the 91st birthday of Madge Wilson, Outreach Coordinator for New Community. They had lunch and cake as part of the celebration. New Community wishes Ms. Wilson a joyous birthday and a wonderful year to come. [Click here for more photos.](#)

RECRUITING CLIENTS FOR HOME FRIEND PROGRAM

New Community staff members are recruiting clients for the Home Friend Program, which is designed for seniors who need extra help with their daily living needs. Seniors must be 60 years or older, reside in Newark's Central Ward and have Medicare only to be eligible for this program. If you or someone you know is interested, call 973-286-5492. [Click here for more information.](#)



NCCTI PARTICIPATES IN INSTANT DECISION DAY

Representatives from [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) participated in Instant Decision College and Career Exploration at the [NJIT Wellness and Events Center](#) on April 11. They spoke with Newark high school seniors about the school's accredited programs. Photo courtesy of Aziza Johnson.



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