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NYSCAA Newsletter



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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friend,

As mid-summer is here, I hope you have the opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy some fun in the sun. At the same time, as you know, many of our customers and neighbors not only do not have the opportunity for a vacation in the sun, they struggle to balance the summer demands of child care for school age children now home all day and the cost and challenge of providing healthy, adequate nutrition to children who are not now receiving any meals at school. I know that many of our Community Action Agencies provide or support summer feeding programs and activities for school age children, services that surely help many families make it through the long, hot days of summer. We thank you for your work and want you to know that we recognize the critical role you play throughout the year for the families and communities you serve. NYSCAA is proud to represent and advocate for you and to be part of this incredible network.

Before we know it, the leaves will change color, snow will fall and we will be shivering in the cold New York winter. With that in mind, I hope this summer brings you an opportunity to rest and recharge and that you all take seriously the call of the old adage to "stop and smell the roses."

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NYSCAA News!

NYSCAA's RPIC Region II: Finance, Human Resources, and Leadership Conference is open for registration!

Click here to view our '[Agenda at a Glance](#)' with workshop titles; descriptions to come soon!

[Click here](#) to read more about our Opening & Closing Keynote Speakers!



Paparazzi!

[Click here](#) to check out the great photos taken at our 2016 Professional Development Conference.

See one you like? Contact our Communications and Event Coordinator Kimberly Brisk if you're interested in having a copy of the file.

Email:
kbrisk@nyscommunityaction.org

Job Openings

Don't forget to check out [NYSCAA's website](#) for updates on [job openings](#) throughout the network.

Do you have a position you'd like posted? [Click here to post it](#), or contact our Director of I.T. Phoebe Schimpf for further instructions.

Email:
pschimpf@nyscommunityaction.org

2017 CCAP - Now is the Time!

Are you a graduate of our Emerging Leaders program? If so, CCAP is a natural

continuation of your professional development process and of your commitment to Community Action. Have you been working in Community Action for years? Now is the time to be recognized for your knowledge, skills and accomplishments in Community Action.

CCAP is a nationally recognized credential that improves the individual's and the organization's standing and marketability, providing an edge in competing for public and private funds and maintaining the high quality of work of Community Action's founders. Certification is designed for current and emerging managers and leaders in the Community Action profession. If you would like to know more about the CCAP program, [click here](#).

New York is proud to welcome four new CCAPs this summer: Evon Ervin (Mohawk Valley CAA), Kristin LaBarge (Oswego County Opportunities), Amey Rusak(ProAction) and Zachary Housworth (ProAction). Congratulations!

NYSCAA will soon begin to work with a new CCAP cohort for 2017. CCAPs receive their certificates at the Community Action Partnership's Annual Convention, which will be in Philadelphia in 2017. It would be great to see a large New York CCAP cohort in Philadelphia, displaying this state's commitment to Community Action.

NYSCAA staff provide support throughout the CCAP process, from coordinating enrollment to help participants receive group discount pricing, through the submission of both the candidate data form and the executive skills portfolio, to exam preparation. Since NYSCAA began this support group for CCAP candidates, every candidate taking the exam has passed! We hope you will consider this opportunity join the CCAP cohort, learn from your peers, benefit from the group camaraderie and earn this valuable credential.

To learn more about NYSCAA's CCAP support or to join the next CCAP cohort, contact [Kim McMann](#) by e-mail (kmcman@nyscommunityaction.org) or phone (518-690-0491, extension 30).

Updates at our Agencies!

Donation!

Ellis Chevrolet Buick GMC recently donated a new Pontiac Montana van to the Joint Council for Economic Opportunity of Clinton and Franklin Counties' Food Services

New Certifications

Lewis County Opportunities announced they have two new car seat techs: Mary Miller and Ellen Larkins. Both techs attended a week long training at the end of June to become certified. Mary

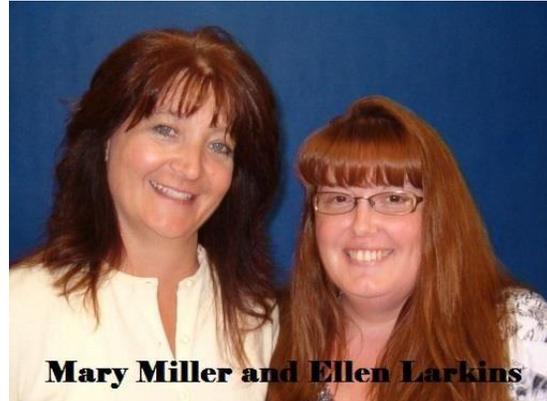
fresh and frozen food to more than 50 food pantries in the region. Their old van was running on over 120,000 miles. Thanks to GMC they now have a van that is much more reliable.



Summer Fun

Cattaraugus Community Action hosted their Annual Summer Fun Festival on July 14th. The free event for kids ages two to eleven consisted of an afternoon full of games and activities, slip and slides and bounce houses, and food and beverages! The event also brought in the Eagle Dream Rehabilitation Center with some of their birds and the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's office doing children IDs!

in an effort to provide better service to those eligible for their car seat program.



Congratulations to Mary & Ellen!

New Housing

Pathstone Corporation and Rochester's Cornerstone Group, Ltd. had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new innovative and affordable Long Pond Senior Housing development. The development consists of 54 rental units in the town of Greece.



Welcome!

Community Action Partnership of Madison County is happy to announce the appointment of their new Executive Director, Antara Mitra. CAP's board of directors and staff also extend their sincere gratitude to Kim Lorrane and Diane Scalzo for their service and hard work in serving as CAP's leaders over the past several months. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

In the News & Helpful Tips

Public Hearing and opportunity to comment on the State Plan is August 8th. The New York State Department of State is amending the New York State Community Services Block Grant Plan & Application for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 (the "CSBG Plan"). The CSBG Plan delineates the manner in which funds will be expended and how the State will meet the federal CSBG program requirements. A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 8th at 10:00 AM. Persons wishing to present testimony on the proposed amendments to the Plan are requested to complete the Public Hearing Reply Form and submit it on or before August 4th. In

addition, the Department of State Division of Community Services is accepting written comments on the draft CSBG Plan amendments. People wishing to submit written comments must submit such comments by mail or email by close of business on August 12th. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

The Annual CCAP Luncheon will be held on Wednesday August 31 from 12:45 - 1:45 PM at the Partnership's annual convention in Austin. All CCAPs and CCAP candidates are invited to attend the event! The luncheon will provide a networking opportunity for fellow CCAPs and CCAP candidates from across the country and is a valuable and enjoyable opportunity to connect with your peers. Highlights of luncheon will include:

- Presentation of Honorary CCAP to Meg Power, President and Co-founder of Economic Opportunities Studies,
- Annual Recertification of CCAPs, and
- Updates on the CCAP Program

The cost is \$65.00 per person. [Click here](#) to make a reservation for the luncheon. The deadline to register is August 12th.

New York Expands food-stamp eligibility. New rules took effect July 1 to raise the income limit for food stamps from 130 percent of the federal poverty line to 150 percent for working households. The revised limit is expected to yield as much as \$685.5 million in additional federally funded SNAP benefits for roughly 750,000 families statewide according to the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

July is National Ice Cream Month! In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month with the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. He recognized ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by over 90% of the nation's population according to the International Dairy Foods Association. Although ice cream is delicious, remember to stay active and healthy! [Click here](#) to read some easy tips to staying fit at home, work, and play from the American Heart Association.

Webinars & Conferences:

NYSCAA Conferences:

Region II RPIC: Human Resource, Finance & Leadership Conference

September 15 & 16, 2016

[Double Tree](#) - Binghamton, NY

[Click here](#) to register!

Executive Director's Seminar

November 17 and 18, 2016
[The Otseaga](#) - Cooperstown, NY

11th Annual Symposium on Poverty & Economic Security
March 29, 2017
[Hilton Garden Inn](#) - Troy, NY

NYSCAA IT Webinars:

Excel: Chart, Graphs and Pivot Tables
August 23, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

MSWord: Table of Contents and Quick Parts
September 07, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

MS Word: Merging and Templates
October 5, 2016
11:00 - 12:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

Learn to Love Your Outlook Inbox
October 26, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

Save the Dates:

Community Action Partnership Annual Convention
August 30 - September 2, Austin TX
[Click here](#) to register.

2016 NASCSP Annual Training Conference
September 18 - 20, 2016
Omaha, NE
[Click here](#) to register.

CFED 2016 Assets & Learning Conference
September 28 - 30, 2016
Washington D.C.
[Click here](#) for more information.

NYSCAA Help Desk:

Have a tech question? The NYSCAA Help Desk is open to all NYSCAA Members. Call Phoebe Schimpf at 518-690-0491 x 28 or submit an inquiry [here](#).

Tech Tip: Your Personal Narrator

Do you have large chunks of text to proof read - and wearyeyes? Try using a free text to speech reader online. Copy your text (CTRL+C) and then paste it online (CTRL+V) into Text2speech.org to have it read back to you.

Remember – watch what you paste online. Although this site says they protect your privacy – never paste/post personal identifying information or confidential materials online.

FACT OF THE MONTH:

28.8% of New York State's adult population without a degree are living in poverty. [Click here](#) to find out more in your county.

Trivia!

What's the Year?

1. The year's popular films include: Rocky III, E.T., and An Officer and a Gentleman
2. Italy Wins 1982 World Cup in Spain
3. Graceland the home of Elvis Presley opens to the public
4. The First Issue of USA Today is published
5. Disney's Futuristic Park EPCOT (Experimental Community Of Tomorrow) is opened
6. Scott Fahlman first suggested the use of Smiley or emoticon as a way of expressing emotion in an email :-)
7. The Weather Channel airs on cable television for the first time
8. The International Whaling Commission decides to end commercial whaling
9. Doctors performed the first implant of a permanent artificial heart designed by Robert Jarvik
10. The largest cash robbery in History occurs in New York when \$9,800,000 is stolen from an armored car

The year is 1982

Riddle Me This!

What kind of room has no windows or doors?

The answer is a mushroom

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