



A Window Into Our World

TRUNKS OF TREAT

The Bayside Family Success Center in partnership with the City of Perth Amboy held their 5th annual Trunk or Treat. The event took place on Saturday, October 28th from 2-4pm for Middlesex County residents and it stretched itself throughout the majority of all of Sadowski Parkway.

The event geared to provide a safe Halloween community experience, hosted 35 decorated themed vehicles in which close to 2000 residents, approximately 600 families, participated with their children by trick or treating from car trunk to car trunk. Events like Trunk or Treat bring to light how civically engaged residents, and community leaders are in Perth Amboy, especially since Hurricane Sandy. All 35 trunks in attendance were volunteers, representatives from organizations and business that supported this community sought out event.

25 additional volunteers from our local AUL Charter School, School Based Program and AmeriCorps program supported in setting up and staffing the event. Special thanks to all the partners/sponsors/donors for providing candy to all children that attended the event, technical support and food for all



DANCERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

Seniors should do some type of aerobic exercise for at least 30 minutes every day, according to FamilyDoctor.org. Silver Linings and Perth Amboy Alliance for Community have provided Housing Authority seniors in the Gateway Neighborhood Latin Dance as a way to add aerobic exercise their routine.



EMERGING LEADERS

The JRF's Emerging Leaders for a Healthier Community Program provides youth in Perth Amboy with hands on experience in community health



and the opportunity to make lasting change in their community. The program is funded through New Jersey Health Initiative's Next Generation Community Leader's grant. Over the next year, a group of 15 youth participants will work together to develop an action plan targeted at addressing a prominent health issue in Perth Amboy. The health issue will be of their choosing, one that as youth and as residents of Perth Amboy, they feel is negatively impacting the citizens of this community. The fifteen participants that were chosen have been working together since the start of the program with both passion and enthusiasm and have proven to have a unique perception of the health issues in the community. Since the launch of the program in September, the Emerging Leaders of Perth Amboy have gained a better understanding of population health, the social determinants of health, and the

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!

We have several staff members who have joined the JRF family. If you have not reached out to them already, please do so with a warm welcome.

Community Health Center:

Hanifa Hassan, Certified Dental Assistant

School Based Youth Services Program:

Melissa Telleria, LAC Program Director

AmeriCorps: *Tawayna Bailey, Program Coordinator*

Congratulations to Dr. Natasha James-Waldon, as JRF's Director of Educational Services. Dr James Waldon will oversee School Based, School Based extension (East and South Campuses), and the Step-Up program. We are excited to have Dr. James Waldon manage the programs and apply her doctorate to work with a

PAYING IT FORWARD

In the month of November, StepUp fundraised money to create a gift basket that was donated to the Fatima's Thanksgiving Dinner. A group of 8 students helped fundraised and were able to fundraise \$130.

StepUp has also partnered up with the 7th grade social worker at AUL (Mabel Leonardo) and has launched a new program called "Girl Talk Tuesday's" . This closed group has a total of 15 members, all of whom are 7th grade females. The girl group meets every Tuesday's from 3-4PM. During this hour the advisors and members have open discussions about issues and situations that girls often face during their teenage years. It provides a safe and supportive environment for the members to share

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA TOY DRIVE



The Bayside Family Success Center is collecting donations for board games to distribute for their annual Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, December 16th at 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

Interested in donating? Contact Jenny or Vanessa via email at

