



CCIA Chronicle

Fall 2019

AN UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

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As we have closed out our fiscal year I would like to give you a snap shot of what we have been able to accomplish with your support.

The CCIA food pantry served emergency food to over 4,487 families this past year. The CCIA Food Pantry has also been designated as a “Front Door” food pantry for FOODLINK. We look forward to ways we can better serve our community with greater access to emergency food.

The “Supply A Smile” (SAS) Dental Program helped over 129 individuals with free dental care, and our one day “Free Smile Day” event helped 87 individuals with free dental care. The SAS Dental Program was honored with the “Choose Health Ontario Award 2019” for their service to the community. We extend our congratulations to Pastor Joan Wood, her team of volunteers, and the many professionals who give of their time serving our families. Several grants have been awarded to SAS to help pay for dental care not provided through the SAS Dental Program which currently covers cleaning, fillings, and extraction.

CCIA is in its third year of working with the Canandaigua Primary – Elementary School to provide “Back Packs.” These back packs are filled with

different food items to help provide meals at home for our kids during school breaks. We were pleased to expand this distribution to once a month during this past school year. These back packs are purchased from FOODLINK each month at a minimal cost of \$2.50 each and then delivered to the school. Each monthly distribution cost between \$375.00 - \$450.00. Sarah Chilson and her team of volunteers then work at organizing the distribution. We are thankful to all the Social Workers, staff, and volunteers who make this possible. With their help over 1600 back packs were handed out. We are currently making plans for the 2019-2020 school year.

The “CCIA Resource Room” has been a great help to families seeking emergency services. Our goal was to provide a place for families to come who may be unaware of what services are available to help them in our community. Using our many emergency providers and programs in our county we look to connect those in need with the different services that are available here to assist them. We continue to partner with Fidelis Care, NY Law, and Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes.

CCIA has once again partnered with Foodlink to

provide the Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) at 120 N. Main St. We are thankful for the United Methodist Church, as they are allowing the use of their parking lot for guests and volunteers to use. Without their help we could not provide this added free food distribution. We are seeing 100-135 families take part in the MFP. We can always use extra volunteers. If your church family would like to know more about how they can help volunteer please contact me.

CCIA has been approved for a “Renters Grant”. CCIA applied for this grant as we have seen the increasing need come through the Resource Room for financial assistance in paying rent. CCIA will partner with other non-profit providers to help support those in need of paying their current monthly rent. Our goal is to help keep them in their current housing situation and avoid them having to go through the process of eviction. We look forward to partnering with other non-profit providers through this Renters Grant.

Thank you, to all of those who through their kindness and generosity have supported CCIA. Without your help we could not accomplish our mission here to our community.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

A NOTE FROM FAMILY PROMISE...LOVE IS STONG!

Love is so strong... the relief in the face of a mother who has just been told she can stay with us, leaving behind the night she just spent outdoors. Or the mother who was just evicted because her family couldn't afford their apartment, and their only option is to stay in their car. Love is the hug you give to a woman who has been abused since childhood, love is the sitting next to a guest in a court room giving moral support during a custody hearing.

What makes the work we do at Family Promise on Ontario County so meaningful is our ability to take our guests where they are, and help them overcome the hurdles that keep them from getting to where they want to be.

In September, under the pavilion in Clifton Springs, we

celebrated our first year anniversary and the amazing work our volunteers are accomplishing. Thirteen congregations provide safe, warm beds for children and their parents, and volunteers from an additional 24 congregations are serving home cooked meals, reading and doing puzzles with children, and listening with a caring ear to those who just want to talk. Our network of social service, mental health and physical health providers is helping us restore wellness and financial independence through employment so our families are not in this position in the future.

Our thanks to Temple Beth El in Geneva that was our Day Center for nine months, and to St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua for making their former rectory

our new Day Center site for our families. Together this year we provided over 1400 bed nights and three times as many meals!

This summer we welcomed Brenda Spratt as our Executive Director. She has worked more than 25 years in non-profit management to provide services to vulnerable groups including the American Red Cross, YWCA, Armed Services YMCA, Two Doors Community Resource Center and the Open Door Mission. She has been married to Rev. Dr. Robert Spratt, pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church for 35 years and has two children. She is anxious to share more with you about the great work at Family Promise. Together, our love stays strong!

MAKE A HOLIDAY SIDES OR BIRTHDAY BAG!

- 1) Get a medium sized gift bag.
- 2) Write "Happy Holidays!" on it and decorate as you like.
- 3) Add these ingredients:
 - Can of green beans
 - Can of jellied cranberry
 - Packet/can of stuffing mix
 - Packet of gravy mix
 - Packet/can of potatoes

FEELING SPECIAL? Create a gluten-free bag: just write "G-F Friendly" on the side.



- 1) Get a medium sized gift bag.
- 2) Write "Happy Birthday!" on the side and stick some sparkle on it in your own way.
- 3) Add these ingredients:
 - Cake mix
 - Frosting
 - Candles
 - Balloons (not inflated)



Optional fun ingredients:

- Plates (6 or so max)
- Napkins (20-30 max)
- Kazoos or birthday hats

CCIA Food Pantry could use your help! Any of the items in the sides bags article are welcome individually, but they make a big difference when they are combined by you! We can collect them at the church and take to the CCIA Food Pantry. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

Visit our website at:
www.churchesinaction.org

NEW CCIA REP HAS A PASSION FOR HELPING

Ask Sonya Kamell Haskins what she likes about CCIA and she'll tell you it's the networking CCIA does across various communities. Someone in need can go to CCIA for emergency food or clothing or health care and they will be able to find help. That and the fact that anyone can volunteer to help there, regardless of their church community.

Sonya will be representing Lifespring Community Church, which happens to be the church she grew up in. After extensive traveling, both for pleasure and on mission trips, and then living in Chicago for a number of years, Sonya married a Canandaigua native. She and her husband decided to come back to their home town in 2016.

She has a particular passion for helping homeless people,

refugees, and immigrants. Her own father, a Coptic Christian, was a refugee from Egypt, so this gives Sonya a very personal appreciation for the plight of migrants. While in Chicago, Sonya worked with refugees and homeless people, teaching English as a second language. She is proud of the fact that she was able to reunite three homeless individuals with their families.

Providing health care to people in need is also a passion of hers. Both her parents are in the medical field and Sonya has seen the unfortunate results of people not being able to afford health care. She explained that her mother was raised as a missionary in the Philippines. Along with Sonya's father, the family travelled on medical missions when Sonya and

her sister were young. "Both of my parents stressed the importance of giving back to the community".

Along with her husband who is a realtor, Sonya enjoys looking after their two-year-old son. "He makes us laugh every day!" she said. She is able to work from home and occasionally works as a musician and song writer. She has been volunteering at the Mobile Food Pantry but would like to become even more active. Sonya has already been recruiting her neighbors to volunteer—an example of her strong belief in networking! She said, "I am looking forward to diving in and seeing where I can help. I'm really happy to be here!" Sounds like a perfect fit!

David's Table

Zion Fellowship has been providing a free community meal since 2013. This meal is served on the second Saturday of each month at the Zion Fellowship church located at 5188 Bristol Rd.

Each month a home cooked meal is served from 11:30 am – 1 pm. We extend an invitation to everyone to come and join us for some good food, fun and fellowship.

LIVE NATIVITY AND YOU'RE INVITED!

You are invited to join us at the First United Methodist Church of Canandaigua, 100 North Main Street for a LIVE NATIVITY from 6 pm to 8 pm, Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th.

Experience a reenactment of the original Christmas Eve by viewing the Shepherds and their sheep as they receive the message from the Angels singing "Glory to God", the busy Bethlehem Market Place, the Inn where there was no room, and the humble Stable with Mary, and Joseph. In addition to the colorful cast there will be livestock to create an authentic atmosphere. All of this will be viewed from the comfort of your vehicle as you drive through the FUMC parking lot. Our Roman Soldiers will be ready to direct the chariots (cars) through the town of Bethlehem.

We hope you will join us for this *free event* to begin your Christmas Season with joy and peace..

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OUR MISSION

We are the hands of Christ working together to address the unmet physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors in the greater Canandaigua community by providing direct services, advocacy and education.

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CCIA & THOMPSON CO-OP NEIGHBORS AT 120 NORTH MAIN

MONDAYS

8:30 AM-4:30 PM...Center for Dispute Settlement (Room 45)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM...St. Vincent Voucher (Room 25)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Catholic Charities (Room 27)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Resource room (Room 27)
4:00 PM-5:00 PM...CCIA Food Pantry at Zion Fellowship, 5188 Bristol Street Extension

TUESDAYS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM...Center for Dispute Settlement (Room 45)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Resource Room (Room 27)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Catholic Charities (Room 27)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM...St. Vincent Clothing (Room 17)
Noon - 2:00 PM...CCIA Food Pantry (Room 31)
Noon - 4:00 PM...Care Net (Room 28)
Noon - 5:00 PM...Mental Health Assoc. of Ontario Co. (Room 37)

WEDNESDAYS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM...Center for Dispute Settlement (Room 45)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes (Room 27)
10:00 AM - Noon...CCIA Food Pantry (Room 31)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM...St. Vincent Clothing (Room 25)
10:00 PM - 4:00 PM...Care Net Pregnancy Center (Room 28)
(Care Net: Parenting Class by Appointment)

THURSDAYS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM...Center for Dispute Settlement (Room 45)
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM...Mental Health Assoc. of Ontario Co. (Room 37)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Resource Room (Room 27)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM...St. Vincent Clothing (Room 25)
Noon - 2:00 PM...CCIA Food Pantry (Room 31)
7 PM - 8 PM...CCIA Food Panty - Zion Fellowship 5188 Bristol Street

FRIDAYS

9:30 AM-11:00 AM...St. Vincent Voucher (Room 25)
10:00 AM-Noon...CCIA Food Pantry (Room 31)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Catholic Charities (Room 27)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Resource Room (Room 27)

SATURDAYS

10:00 AM-Noon...CCIA Food Pantry (Room 31)
10:00 Am-Noon... St. Vincent Clothing (Room 17)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM...Catholic Charities (Room 27)

For more information on our SAS Dental Program, please call (585) 396-2242.

MINISTRY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

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CCIA Resource Room Fax

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Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes

(585) 394-0190

Catholic Charities Geneva Office

(315) 789-2686

CCIA Food Pantry

(585) 394-7450

CCIA Food Pantry @ Zion Fellowship

(585) 394-7450

Care Net Pregnancy Center

(585) 393-0437

St. Vincent de Paul

(585) 394-3980

FIDELIS CARE: Veronica

Cell (315) 460-6498

Center for Dispute Settlement

(585) 396-0840

Mental Health Assoc. of Ontario Co.

(585) 629-0386

Community Support Center

(585) 396-4554

OUR MEMBER CHURCHES

Lifespring Community
New Covenant Baptist
St. John's Episcopal
St. Benedict Parish
The United Church
Zion Fellowship
Aloquin - First United Methodist
Chapin United Methodist
Crosswinds Wesleyan
Door to Hope
First United Methodist
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Holy Redeemer Anglican