



FALL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SELF-CARE AWARENESS MONTH
 OCTOBER IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH & BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
 NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Amazing Night at the 10th Annual JRF Gala Celebrating Our Honorees!



On October 27, 2021, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) held its 10th Annual Gala at the Park Chateau in East Brunswick, NJ. This year's Gala focused on presenting awards to Honorees that have greatly supported the organization, and were highlighted for their significant impact on the JRF and the communities they serve throughout their outstanding careers.

Among the Honorees were Joseph Palughi, Associate Vice President at Labcorp, leading Labcorp's Federally Qualified Health Centers, Corrections and Union segments, Barry Lipschultz, Sales Director for United Health Care Medicare products in New Jersey, and our very own CFO/Interim CEO, Grace Co-Ortega for her commitment and resilience as she carried the JRF through these most difficult times, inclusive of not just the profound impacts of Covid-19, but the restructuring of our organization due to the loss of essential staff and relocating.

This year's Gala was a huge success which showed unity and partnerships exhibited through all the individuals that attended and in our Honorees. We were pleased to be able to present these honorees with their awards as well as thank them for their support of our events. Other notable Sponsors in attendance were as follows: Horizon NJ Health, Investors Bank, PNC Bank, Triton HR Services, and Wellcare.

Also in attendance were many JRF staff members and Board of Trustees, including our Board Chair, Antonia Ricigliano, who had the pleasure of presenting Grace Co-Ortega with her award. Dr. Alan Goldsmith, Founder and President of the JRF, also spoke fondly about the honorees and about the vision and the journey in founding the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. He spoke about what it means to give back to the community and how everyone at the JRF exhibits these qualities as employees of this great organization. We congratulate the honorees and hope that all in attendance had an amazing time and will return next year!



Have You Heard?

We have a new training and testing center! Here's what it means for YOU:

- Employment training!
- Industry credentials!
- Career opportunities!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?
 EMAIL THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES AT SHERRI.GOLDBERG@JRFNJ.ORG



“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

-- MOTHER TERESA



Birthday Shoutouts!

JRF WISHES AN AMAZING BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING TEAM MEMBERS:

JAIME RIVELLO 9/2

VANESSA FERREIRA 9/3

JENNY ALVAREZ 9/28

DR. BASEEMAH MARSHALL 9/24

LAUREN DELANCE 9/29

DANIA ARIAS BUENO 9/29

HIRAM CLASS 10/04

LISSETTE VARGAS-GUZMAN 10/15

CRISTINA CASSANO 10/26

WILNELYA BOSQUES 11/11

WENDY MEDINA 11/17



JRF Receives Large Grant from Investors Foundation to Support Training and Education of New Jersey Residents



The Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) recently received a \$30,000 grant over three years from Investors Foundation. The grant will help further JRF's mission of providing training options leading to licensure or certification that generate better job opportunities to earn a living wage. The grant, which will also support JRF's new Training and Testing Center was presented to Grace Co-Ortega, Interim CEO of the JRF, and Sherri Goldberg, Director of JRF's Community and Family Services Department by Joel A. Clarke, Vice President, Business Banking and Catarina S. Matos, Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager.

The JRF Training & Testing Center will offer in demand employment training, support and testing leading to an industry recognized credential. Programs offered include but are not limited to the robust Home Inspection Certificate Program which prepares one for the requirements of a New Jersey Licensed Home Inspector and the Home Inspector National Exam. The average salary of a NJ Licensed Home Inspector is \$74,000 (source: Inspector Certification Associates).

About Investors Bank

Investors Bank, headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With over \$27 billion in assets and a network of more than 150 retail branches, Investors Bank delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors Bank services include complete deposit, loan and cash management products for consumers and businesses.

About the Investors Foundation

Investors Bank created the Investors Foundation in 2005 to support the communities they serves. Investors Foundation supports initiatives in the arts, youth development, health and human services, education and affordable housing. The Investors Foundation works to improve the lives of its neighbors and communities across the bank's footprint.

For more information, please visit <https://www.myinvestorsbank.com/Community/Investors-Foundation>

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A.E.I.-The Acronym for "Success"

Our Education team continues to inspire and propel our community into success!

Looking for inspiration, look no further than AEI.



ACCEPTING NEW APPLICANTS

CONTACT US AT (732) 896-0552

ABOUT US

The Alternative Education Institute (AEI) program offers a **FREE ONLINE**, comprehensive education curriculum delivered in a non-traditional and remote learning environment to help students ages 16 and older obtain their New Jersey State High School Equivalency Diploma.



VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

We are enrolling new applicants into our educational programs; AEI General Program and the AEI Saturday Spanish Program (SSP).



PROGRAM HOURS

AEI General Program
(Wednesday Evening Only)
5:00 PM-9:00 PM

AEI Spanish Saturday Program
(Saturday Only)
9:30 AM-12:30 PM



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Must be 16 years old and older.
Must live in Middlesex County, NJ.
Must not be enrolled in school or any other educational program/institution.
Must be able to commit to a (5) month program.

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Did you know?

ALTHOUGH MOST JRF PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT MIDDLESEX COUNTY, OUR COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS ARE SPECIFICALLY INTENDED FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS IN EIGHT DESIGNATED COMMUNITIES: CARTERET, EDISON, HIGHLAND PARK, METUCHEN, PERTH AMBOY, SAYREVILLE, SOUTH AMBOY AND WOODBRIDGE.



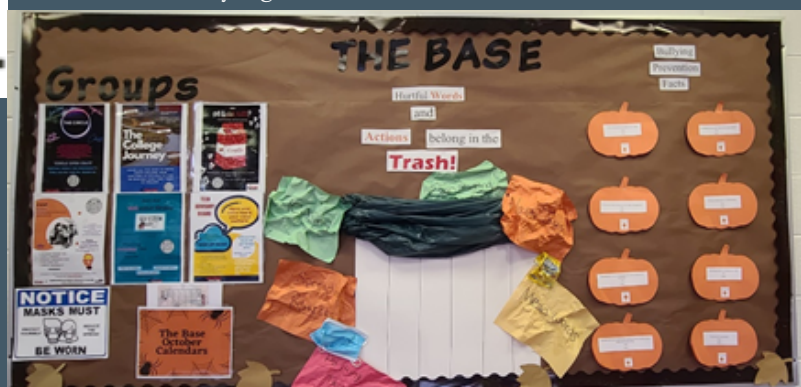
EXPAND YOUR MIND, CREATE YOUR FUTURE AT THE BASE

In the month of September, the School Base Youth Services Program, known as The Base, hosted a Welcome Back to School Breakfast for staff at Perth Amboy High School. The event served over 65 PAHS staff members. This event allowed SBYSP staff to connect and meet new staff at the school. Also, it gave them a chance to share summer stories and get back in the groove for the new upcoming school year.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. The Base hosted a tableing event focused on raising awareness about suicide and also enabled them to recruit students for their upcoming groups. Students received handouts with suicide warning signs. Students also got to spin a wheel to receive different incentives such as t-shirts, candy, and stickers.

The first event of the school year to welcome students was the Talk-O-Tuesday. Students received prepackaged taco ingredients and a bag of Doritos to create their own walking taco. During the event, students also got to learn more about the services offered by the Base.

For the month of October, the Base focused its bulletin board on raising awareness about bullying prevention for National Bullying Prevention month. Inspired in the fall theme, the board contained an interactive activity where students could answer true or false questions to learn new facts about bullying.





Making a PAAC To Beautify Perth Amboy

In September, the PAAC Team and Neighbors volunteered to assist the Public Works, Environmental Services Department of Perth Amboy, alongside with city officials for a fun community cleanup at Francis Street Park. The event took place Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9am-12pm. Our PAAC Neighborhood came together to clean the park and surrounding areas of our community. Refreshments, snacks, and materials were provided to volunteers and crew members. Mayor of Perth Amboy, Helmin Caba, and the Perth Amboy Police Department joined us in this Perth Amboy Go Green event and distributed helpful information to residents.

In addition to the positive turnout, the program was awarded a mini grant by the Department of Public Works of Perth Amboy. PAAC will continue helping Perth Amboy Go Green by promoting helpful tips, joining in on cleanups and creating programming that can help benefit our community.



Check out our Events Bar for Future Happenings! As always, thank you for your support!



Emerging Leaders Pass the Baton into the Future

The fourth cohort of the Emerging Leaders officially became program alumni. Our young leaders shared their most memorable moments, from rap battles and playing Mafia every Friday during the summer institute as well as their least favorite moments. When asked to describe their experience with the program in one word, they stated that it was “inspirational”, “memorable”, and “empowering”. The alumni now have the opportunity to continue to serve with the Emerging Leaders program by volunteering to be a mentor, which will allow them to continue cultivating their leadership skills and guide the new cohort in establishing an action plan. Interested leaders are required to submit a letter explaining why they would like to be a mentor.

The fifth official Emerging Leaders cohort received 13 enthusiastic applications who became program participants Saturday, October 23rd! The cohort began their journey with an orientation of what the year and summer will look like. The program participants learned about the definition of leadership and shared what leadership meant to them. They were then asked to complete a personality test to learn more about themselves and other participants in the program. Their path to leadership begins...Welcome aboard!

WHAT A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

THE FSC HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS!:

- HORIZON NJ HEALTH
- CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
- PERTH AMBOY RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 - PAAC
 - BID
 - GATEWAY



AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MAYOR, HELMIN J. CABA, MAYOR OF PERTH AMBOY!

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT OUR PARTNERSHIPS WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH:



COLLABORATIVELY, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE OVER 40 FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN A DAY OF FUN, MUSIC AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN.

Falling into Healthy Habits!

The Bayside FSC entered September 2021 with wellness in mind. During this month, they hosted the last two outdoor Tuesday evening Zumba Classes at Francis Street Park in Perth Amboy. Zumba attracted 18 participants who all had a great time. The goal of the Zumba classes is to provide free exercise classes for individuals so they in turn can commit to being conscience about their health.



Diaper Hoopla

On August 4, the Bayside FSC had the unique opportunity to collaborate with the Central Jersey Diaper Bank, Jewish Family Services and the JRF Community Health Center to provide a "Diaper Hoopla" at a local community park in Perth Amboy. Families that attended had access to baby supply items like diapers and baby wipes, food and a vaccination clinic. This event supported over 90 families with all the items listed above.



In addition, they hosted a backpack giveaway sponsored by Horizon NJ Health, for registered FSC families out of their Bayside FSC site. Throughout the week of 8/16 to 8/19/2021 they provided about 20 families a day with book bags and school supplies. In total, the FSC was successfully able to provide approximately 80 families and almost 175 children with book bags and school supplies.



JRF Community Health Center
1931 Oak Tree Rd, Edison, NJ



Teeth Tips for Tots!

On Wednesday, October 27th our Dental Director, Dr. Baseemah Marshall and Dental Assistant, Yisel Cordova, visited the Primrose Preschool in Edison to provide a dental demonstration to the children. Dr. Marshall provided an interactive demonstration on how to properly brush their teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene. Goody bags containing children's toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash were distributed along with a brochure for parents.

To make an appointment for you and your family's medical, dental and behavioral health needs, contact our friendly staff at the JRF Community Health Center (732) 482-9600.



JRF AmeriCorps Program

JRF AMERICORPS PAYS TRIBUTE TO 9/11 VICTIMS AND GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

In recognition of AmeriCorps' 9/11 Day of Service, the JRF AmeriCorps program came together on September 11, 2021, to commemorate 9/11 and its devastating impact on our country.

AmeriCorps members participated in the City of Perth Amboy's 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony by leading the Pledge of Allegiance for the audience. Later in the event, Vanessa Cebin, AmeriCorps Program Manager, addressed the audience with special remarks that highlighted the importance of service for our community. In attendance were community members, Helmin J. Caba, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, Fire Department and Police Department members, as well as families of 9/11 victims who were Perth Amboy residents.

The second half of AmeriCorps' Day of Service included making handmade fleece baby blankets, baby supply baskets, dental supply giveaways, which were distributed to patients of our JRF community health center. Lastly, JRF AmeriCorps members created a wreath with thank-you messages for local first responders, in honor of 9/11.

Service members have also served in local community events, including but not limited to:

- Back-to-School Backpack-School Supplies & Vaccination Event
- Housing Expo (provided housing-related resources to community)
- Bike Day by the Bay Event
- JRF Gala
- JRF and City of Perth Amboy's Halloween Celebration



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN AN AMAZING TEAM OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY LEADERS! APPLY TODAY!

EXECUTIVE SEARCH: JRF Seeks a Chief Executive Officer to serve our community and lead our amazing team! Visit our website at www.jrfnj.org for full Position Profile.

JRF Community Health Center

- LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
- PATIENT REGISTRAR
- CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT
- FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
- LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Social Services

- VCP COORDINATOR, Family Success Center
- FAMILY PARTNER, Family Success Center
- WELLNESS COORDINATOR, Family Assistance Center
- CASE MANAGER, Family Assistance Center
- ACCOUNTANT, Administration
- PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Testing & Training Center

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