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*Happy
 New
 Year
 From
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 At
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Honoring Our Seniors

Volunteers and staff of the Silver Linings Resource Center closed out the decade by hosting their last Birthday Club of the year, in addition to a successful year of Choice Store for our seniors. Celebrating birthdays is super important at Silver Linings, especially milestone years. Seniors look forward to celebrating those important moments with peers and the staff at Silver Linings who have become an extension of their families.

In the final month of 2019, Silver Linings honored seniors who had birthdays from the months of September to December with a celebration that included pizza, activities, recreation and more. Silver Linings aims to always provide a safe comfortable place for seniors to socialize with each other. Ultimately reducing isolation and the feeling of loneliness that can be very common among our senior community.

Apart from their last Birthday Club gathering, Silver Linings concluded "My Choice Store", Screenings for the participants for the New Year will take place in January 2020 including going to Carteret as a requirement of screening.



Store will resume in February 2020.

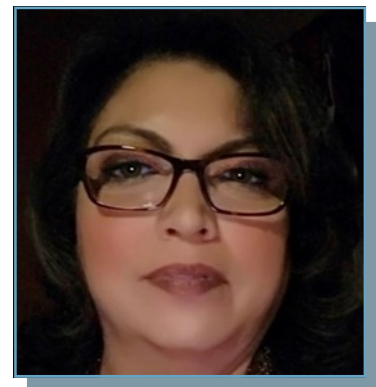


The goal is to ensure time is dedicated to meet with each senior individually, assess their needs, confirm eligibility to receive services through My Choice Store and connect them to additional resources throughout our community. My Choice

Making a Difference

Let's take time to congratulate Trupti Upadhyay from the JRF Community Health Center for her exceptional work and dedication shown during the 2020 Open Enrollment period, where she exceeded all expectations by enrolling 372 applicants, of which 296 were Health Marketplace Enrollments. Ms. Upadhyay worked tirelessly, nights and weekends including doing a home visit for a deaf applicant to enroll. Ensuring the applicant received the right insurance to meet their medical needs.

Thank you again Ms. Upadhyay for your hard work and dedication! Guaranteed the people you enrolled and helped extend their thanks to you as well. Great Job!



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Holiday Cheer

On November 16th, the Bayside FSC hosted an Elf on the Shelf book fair at the Edison Barnes & Noble. The book fair included story time with an Elf and a family scavenger hunt.

Mayor Diaz of Perth Amboy attended and helped families scavenger for clues in the store. Two lucky winners went home with an Elf on the Shelf kit. Barnes & Nobles collected books for the month of November so every child could go home from the December 7th event "Breakfast with Santa" with a book.



The Bayside FSC also relied on partners like Horizon, the Perth Amboy Recreation Department, PNC Bank, Americorps, School Based Youth Services and Step Up to volunteer, sponsor breakfast items, provide space, allow us to borrow an authentic Santa chair and provide decorations.

Comfort Partners

The Comfort Partners program has begun work on another project to remove weatherization barriers.

The program is currently in search of more eligible households to receive repairs.

For further information call 877-654-9186
Or via web: Njcleanenergy.com (click "residential" and then click "Comfort Partners")

Families Coming Together

On December 7, over 50 families participated "Breakfast with Santa" amounting to 200 individuals present. Every family in attendance had an opportunity to enjoy a warm breakfast, take family portraits with Santa and friends, enjoy story time with the elves, get their faces painted and participate in lots of dancing! At the end of the event every child was able to take home a book and a special wrapped holiday gift!



Community Time with PAAC

On December 11, PAAC cheerfully ended 2019 programming with an evening filled with holiday activities for the families throughout the Budapest neighborhood.

Local residents joined PAAC in creating holiday ornaments, decorating Christmas cards, and enjoying holiday tunes.

In the New Year, look forward to some major changes within PAAC! PAAC will be offering ESL classes, opportunities to learn job skills, and hosting a job fair!

