

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee Employee Newsletter

August 1, 2025

Our mission:: To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient

Hello Team:

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and of the fun things that come with it.

This month, I want to take a moment to present the below “Letter to the Editor” that circulated in The Daily News and Orleans Hub. I am asking that you share this important information with friends, family, and colleagues. The more people understand the important role our agency plays in our communities, the more voices we will have to speak up about continuing our funding.

TO THE EDITOR:

I AM WRITING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY WILL FACE IF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) IS ENACTED. CSBG SERVES AS THE FOUNDATIONAL FUNDING SOURCE FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES ACROSS THE NATION. AT COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS AND GENESEE, OUR MISSION IS TO PARTNER WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY. WHILE WE HOPE YOU NEVER NEED OUR SERVICES, WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING HERE IF AND WHEN YOU DO.

OUR AGENCY OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS FACING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, PERSONAL LOSS, OR UNFORE SEEN CHALLENGES. THESE INCLUDE HEAD START, CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, CASE MANAGEMENT, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SUPPORT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, WEATHERIZATION SERVICES, AIR CONDITIONING ASSISTANCE, A LOW-COST THRIFT STORE, NUTRITION PROGRAMS, AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES.

WE ARE NOT ABOUT HANDOUTS—WE ARE ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE BUILD A PATH TO SUCCESS.

IN ORLEANS COUNTY, THE POVERTY RATE STANDS AT 13%, AND IN GENESEE COUNTY, IT IS 10.6%. BOTH COUNTIES ARE EXPERIENCING POPULATION DECLINE AND A SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS, MAKING IT EVEN MORE CRITICAL TO ADDRESS HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS. OUR AGENCY MEETS THESE CHALLENGES WITH COMPASSION, CARE, AND A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF OUR LOCAL NEEDS AND STRUGGLES.



POVERTY EXISTS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE NEEDS OF OUR RURAL COUNTIES DIFFER GREATLY FROM THOSE OF URBAN CENTERS LIKE NEW YORK CITY. LOCAL CONTROL IS ESSENTIAL. THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED EVERY THREE YEARS, WE TAILOR OUR PROGRAMS TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS.

THIS IS WHY CSBG IS SO VITAL. IT IS A LOCALLY DRIVEN INITIATIVE THAT LEVERAGES A MODEST FEDERAL INVESTMENT TO HELP MORE THAN 10 MILLION AMERICANS WORK TOWARD ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS AND GENESEE SUPPORTED NEARLY 5,000 INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR PURSUIT OF FINANCIAL STABILITY. EVERY FEDERAL DOLLAR WE RECEIVE IS MATCHED BY AN ADDITIONAL 15.5% FROM STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SOURCES—AN EXCEPTIONAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

IN 2022, CONGRESS REAUTHORIZED CSBG WITH STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. OUR AGENCY IS HELD TO RIGOROUS STANDARDS, WITH FUNDERS REQUIRING DETAILED REPORTING TO ENSURE MEASURABLE OUTCOMES. CSBG EMBODIES CORE AMERICAN VALUES: LOCAL DECISION-MAKING, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

ELIMINATING CSBG WILL NOT NECESSARILY RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL SAVINGS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT THREATENS TO DISMANTLE A PROVEN, COST-EFFECTIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT UPLIFTS OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS. THE LOSS OF OUR AGENCY—AND THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE—WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO OUR COMMUNITY.

I URGE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND POLICYMAKERS TO RECOGNIZE WHAT IS AT STAKE AND TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CSBG BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

*RENEE HUNGERFORD, CEO
COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS AND GENESEE*

Please join me in making sure everyone knows the importance of Community Action Agencies. Thank you for being.....

Part of the Solution

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August

2025

Sales Calendar

Hours

Sun/Mon : CLOSED

Tuesday : 11 AM - 4 PM (Donation by appointment only)

Wednesday : 11 AM - 4 PM (Donations : 11 AM - 3 PM)

Thursday : 11 AM - 5 :30 PM (Donations :11 AM - 3 PM)

Friday : 11 AM - 5 : 30 PM (Donations : 11 AM - 3 PM)

Saturday : 10 :30 AM - 3 PM (Donations by appointment only)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 50% off Luggage, Backpacks, Bags
3	4	5 All Clothing 30% off	6 DVD/CD .25 each	7 50% off Sport Equipment and apparel	8 50% off Pictures and Frames	9 BOGO Shoes
10	11	12 50% off Small Appliances	13 BOGO Kids Clothing	14 50% off Furniture	15 BOGO Glassware	16 All Swimwear \$1 each
17	18	19 20% off ANYTHING with RED on it	20 20% off ANYTHING with ORANGE on it	21 20% off ANYTHING with YELLOW on it	22 20% off ANYTHING with GREEN on it	23 20% off ANYTHING with PURPLE on it
24	25	26 BOGO Plasticware	27 50% off Electronic Section	28 BOGO Board Games and Puzzles	29 50% off Flip Flops	30 50% off ALL SHORTS
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Wellness Corner: Celebrate National Wellness Month!

August is National Wellness Month—a perfect time to focus on self-care, stress management, and healthy routines. Small daily habits can lead to big improvements in your overall well-being, both at work and at home.

Here are a few simple ways to prioritize your wellness this month:

-  **Take a Breather** – Schedule short breaks to stretch, walk, or simply breathe deeply.
-  **Eat Mindfully** – Choose nutritious meals and snacks that fuel your body and mind.
-  **Move More** – Aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day.
-  **Prioritize Sleep** – Rest is essential for focus, mood, and productivity.
-  **Connect with Others** – Social support is a key part of mental wellness.
-  **Join In** – Watch for wellness events, challenges, or tips shared throughout the month!

Let's support each other in building healthier habits—one step at a time.





August 11 – 17th, 2025

- Speak Up** – Report hazards or near-misses right away.
- Stay Informed** – Review safety procedures and attend any scheduled trainings.
- Look Out for Each Other** – A quick reminder or helping hand can prevent accidents.
- Get Involved** – Join safety discussions or volunteer for a safety walkthrough.

Safety is a team effort. Let's keep our workplace safe, strong, and sound!

Eastern Orleans Community Center

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Chef Salad Fruit Salad Garlic Bread Pie</i>	2
3	4 <i>Mary W Bday Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Pie</i>	5 <i>Roast Beef Sandwich Salad Chips Pears</i>	6 <i>Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn/Carrots Biscuits</i>	7 <i>Ham Sandwich Soup Chips Peaches</i>	8 <i>Fish Sandwich French Fries Cole Slaw Applesauce</i>	9
10	11 <i>Hot Turkey Sand Mashed Potatoes Corn/Carrots Cake</i>	12 <i>Egg Salad Soup Chips Cookies</i>	13 <i>Spanish Rice Garden Salad Garlic Bread Peaches</i>	14 <i>Chicken Salad Sandwich Soup Chips</i>	15 <i>Mac-N-Cheese Peas Tossed Salad Biscuits/ Pears</i>	16
17	18 <i>Spaghetti & Broccoli Salad Garlic Bread</i>	19 <i>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Chips Cookies</i>	20 <i>Rosey's Bday Chef Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Salad</i>	21 <i>Tomato Sand. Salad Chips Peaches</i>	22 <i>BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Biscuits Cake</i>	23
24	25 <i>Cheese Burger Mac Salad Baked Beans Fruit Salad</i>	26 <i>Hot Dog /Bun Mac Salad Chips Cake</i>	27 <i>Spaghetti Garlic Bread Salad Pears</i>	28 <i>Tacos Refried Beans Nacho Chips Applesauce</i>	29 <i>Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Salad/ Fruit Apricots</i>	30

8/8 Craft Class

8/11 Mobile Pantry 9 am in Albion

8/27 SNAP Cooking Class

Food Give Away: Mon. Wed. Fri at 11am

Bingo: Mon. Wed. Fri. 12 Noon

8/29 Neighborhood Legal Project 10am

A PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS & GENESEE

75 Public Square PO Box 206
Holley NY 14477
585-638-6395

Milk, coffee or water provided with meals
A \$2.00 donation is appreciated but not required
Menu is subject to change due to availability of supplies



Emergency Services

EVENTS



Pop-up
131 families received food.



Summer Recreation Sign Ups
33 Kids in total signed up for Summer activities.



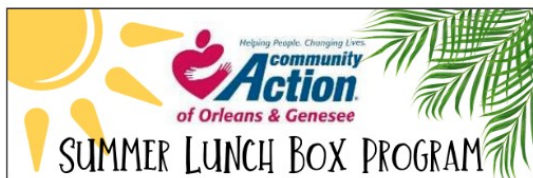
U of R Mobile Mammography Van coming to Albion on August 8th. Batavia (7) and Holley (5) completed.



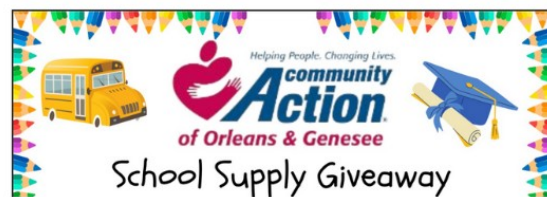
134 Households received food from the pantry.
79 Households received food from surplus.



Attended a **Red Star Foundation- Veteran Suicide Prevention Program**



63 kids signed up for the Summer Lunch Box Program.



School Supply Giveaway

33 kids signed up for school supplies so far.
Ongoing until 8/8



Shannon Harris and Kristina Ettinger, had the pleasure of attending the **Niagara Region Porsche Club of America (PCA)** meeting at Terry Hills Golf Course.

We received an abundance of hygiene items, diapers, and cleaning supplies as well as a check for \$100.