

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee Employee Newsletter

September 1, 2025

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

Hello Team:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and found some time over the Labor Day weekend to spend time with friends and family. By the time you read this our classrooms will be filled with children, and we will begin work on holiday programs as we head into Autumn.

You may recall that over the last year I have been a member of the Health Foundation of Western and Central New York's Health Leadership Fellows. As part of this program, health leaders from across the region are broken into teams and tasked with developing and implementing a community health related project. I am excited that my team's project will be rolling out this fall. It is called the Fresh Start Care Center.

The project will be implemented in phases. Phase one will enable eligible students to have access to laundry facilities and personal care items. This will be done in a private, stigma free environment. In addition, they will receive case management and life skill training. More details will be issued in a press release during September.

Thank you for being....*Part of the Solution*

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VOLUNTEER FAIR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet local organizations, discover volunteer opportunities, and find your passion for giving back to the community!



Connect with:

American Red Cross
Catholic Charities
Community Action of Orleans and Genesee
Crossroads House
Genesee County Health Dept.
Genesee County Park and Forest
Genesee County Senior Volunteer Program
GoART!
Holland Land Office Museum
Homecare and Hospice
Lifespan Financial Mgmt. Program
NYS Veterans' Home
Richmond Memorial Library
The Salvation Army
YWCA

Stop in anytime & discover the joy that awaits you!

Call OFA with
any questions!
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BOARD MEMBER NEWS– CONGRATS ADFORS AND BONNIE

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County Leg honors Saint-Gobain ADFORS on 50th anniversary in Albion

By Tom Rivers, Editor Posted 20 August 2025 at 10:04 am



Photos by Tom Rivers

ALBION – The Orleans County legislature has recognized an Albion business for 50 years of working in the community. Saint-Gobain ADFORS was presented with a “Special Recognition Award” on Tuesday by the Orleans County Legislature. Fred Miller, a county legislator, read the citation and presented it to Saint-Gobain ADFORS employees.

The employees include, from left: Bonnie Johnson, production planner; Diane Varley, development coordinator; Joe Culbertson, logistics manager; Constance Wadsworth, human resources manager; and James Devault, knit operator.

Saint-Gobain Adfors will have a big celebration today at the manufacturing plant at 14770 East Ave.

THANK YOU ELKS LODGE 2110

2025 DICE RUN

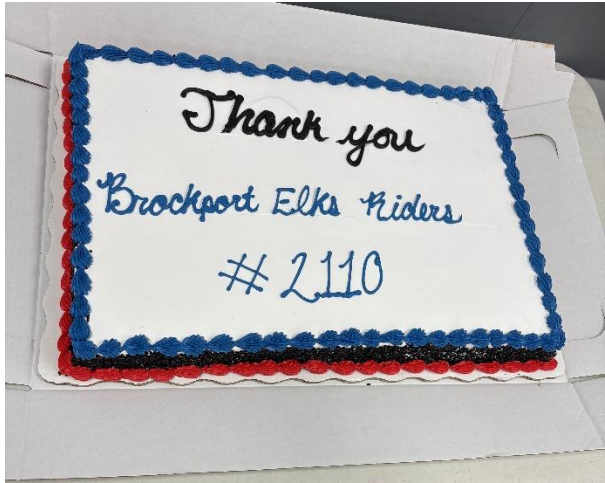
The day started and ended at the Brockport Elks Lodge #2110 with about 60 bikes.



The route included stops at the Alabama Hotel, White Birch and the Grove in Kendall



Back at the lodge there was a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and cake! The Dice Run took in \$2,355 that will go towards Christmas gifts for the children in both counties for the 2025 holiday season.



A special thank you to all the Brockport Elks and Elk riders, Tina Schleede and husband, Kristina Ettinger and husband, Sonia Ballines (volunteer), Nichole Targa and last but not least, Ricky and Katrina Standish for taking the lead and organizing this run. Debbie Rothmund was also a rider in the Dice Run.



Thank you SUNY Brockport!

On Saturday August 23 a small group of individuals from SUNY Brockport came out to Main Street Corner Thrifts, Gifts and More for Saturday day of Service.

During their time at the store the students learned about our agency, the store and all that we have to offer to our community. These wonderful students got right to work in helping to bring a up and coming program to life.

Because of their help, we now have a beautiful and welcoming entrance to the Fresh Start Care Room. The ramp railing and base of the garden outside has been repainted and the door and wall outside of the care room have signs and inspiring quotes. We also painted a chalkboard staircase to allow students that utilize the care room to share their successes and inspiration with each other regularly.

Thank you to all staff and volunteers who helped during this time!



Eastern Orleans Community Center

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1 Labor Day Center Closed</i>	<i>2 Egg Salad Sandwich Salad Chips/ Fruit</i>	<i>3 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Garden Salad</i>	<i>4 Homemade Soup Tossed Salad Peaches</i>	<i>5 Jamie's Bday Audrie's Bday Spanish Rice Salad Garlic Bread</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8 Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Garden Salad</i>	<i>9 Turkey Sandwich Soup Chips Pears</i>	<i>10 Chef Salad Fruit Salad Garlic Bread Applesauce</i>	<i>11 Ham Sandwich Soup Chips Cookies</i>	<i>12 Cheesey Chicken With Rice Garden Salad</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15 Hot Turkey Sand Potayoes Corn/Carrots Cake</i>	<i>16 Bologna Sand. Soup Chips Cookies</i>	<i>17 Spaghetti With Meatballs Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Cake</i>	<i>18 Chicken Salad Sandwich Soup Chips</i>	<i>19 Center Picnic At the Playground Park</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22 Spaghetti & Broccoli Salad Garlic Bread Peaches</i>	<i>23 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Chips Cookies</i>	<i>24 BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Biscuits Salad Cake</i>	<i>25 Homemade Soup Biscuits Salad Peaches</i>	<i>26 Pasta Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Salad Cookies</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29 Spanish Rice Garden Salad Garlic Bread Cookies</i>	<i>30 Tuna Sandwich Chips Fruit Salad</i>				

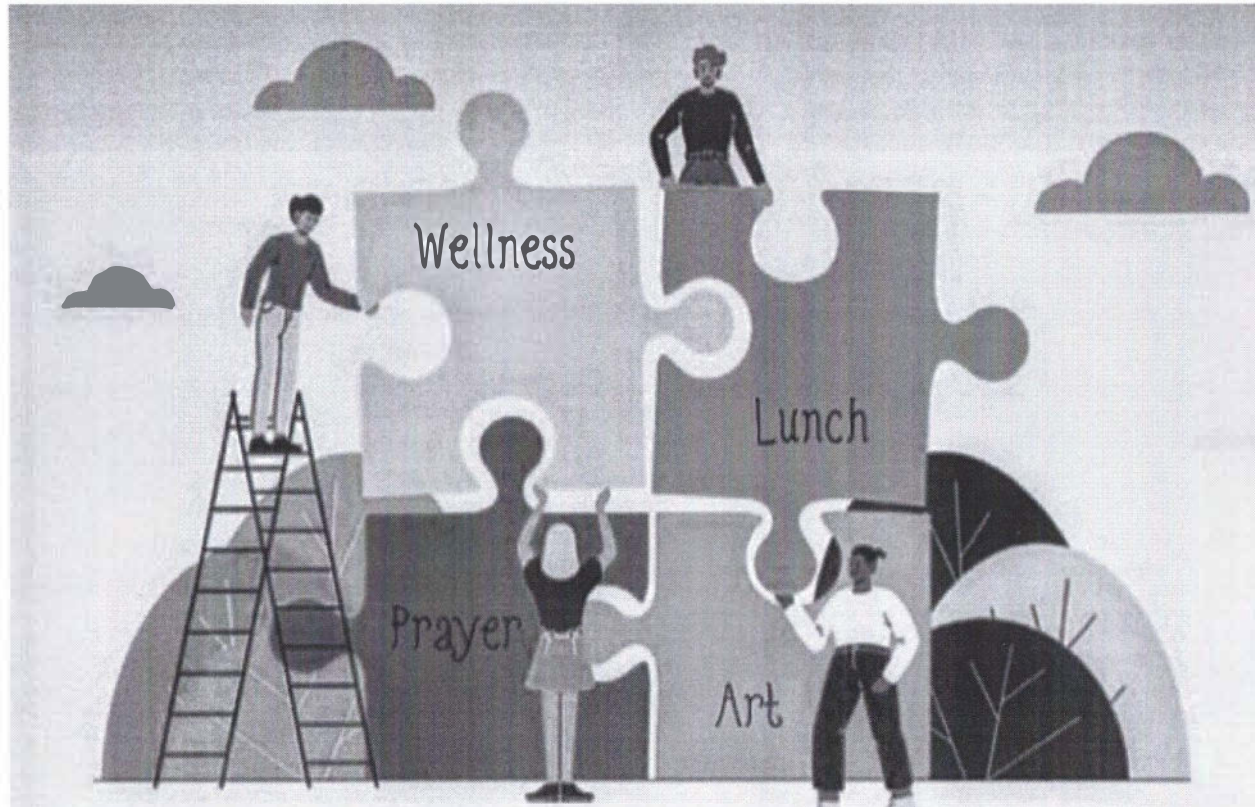
9/8 Motivation Monday w/ Meredith "Thriving in Adversity" Wellness program 10:30-11:15

9/15 Mobile Pantry in Albion

926 Neighborhood Legal Project

9/19 Center Picnic at Play ground 11:30am

9/26 Fire Dept. does Blood pressure checks



Community Event

Thriving in Adversity ON Motivation Mondays.

10 weeks with Meredith

Place : Holley Community Center.

Date: Sept 8 th 2025- Nov 3rd 2025

Time: 10:30- 1:15

Free to Community- Space limited



Team
Outing

8/5- National Night Out
Medina, NY



8/8- Mobile Mammography Van
Main Street Corner Thrifts, Gifts
and More Store
Albion, NY
17 Women had mammograms



8/9- Family Fun Day
Bullard Park, Albion, NY

August



8/15- New sign!



8/23-Brockport Elks
Riders #2110
Brockport, NY



8/26- GOW CARES
Overdose Awareness
Batavia, NY



8/20-8/25- School Supply Backpack
packing and distribution with the help of
Velocity
217 Kids have received school supplies






SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

When disaster strikes, your immediate concern will be your safety and the safety of those you care about. Once the immediate danger passes, however, having your financial and medical records and important contact information will be crucial to help you start the recovery process quickly. Taking time now to safeguard these critical documents will give you peace of mind, ensure you have access to essential medical and prescription information, and help you avoid additional stress during the difficult days following a disaster. In addition, take the time now to think about the priceless personal items you would want to protect from damage or take with you if you had to suddenly evacuate your home.

12 WAYS TO PREPARE

<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Sign up for Alerts and Warnings</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Make a Plan</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Save for a Rainy Day</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Practice Emergency Drills</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Test Family Communication Plan</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Safeguard Documents</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Plan with Neighbors</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Make Your Home Safer</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Know Evacuation Routes</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Assemble or Update Supplies</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Get Involved in Your Community</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <p>Document and Insure Property</p>

♥ SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH: TAKE ACTION, MAKE AN IMPACT

September is a time to join organizations like ours across the country to recognize Hunger Action Month – a time to raise awareness about food insecurity and inspire action to help those in need.

Food insecurity affects millions of Americans, including families right here in our own communities. It means not knowing where your next meal will come from, or having to choose between buying groceries and paying for other essentials like rent or medicine. At Community Action, we see the impact of hunger every day – and we also see the power of the community to fight it.

This month, we invite you to take action:

- **Wear Orange Wednesdays:** Orange is the color of hunger awareness. Show your support by wearing orange each Wednesday in September.
- **Donate to Food Pantries:** Our food pantry shelves need constant replenishment. Consider donating non-perishable items or organizing a mini food drive.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Whether it's helping sort donations, packing food boxes or assisting with distribution, your time makes a difference.
- **Spread the Word:** Share facts about hunger on social media, talk to friends and family and help break the stigma around food insecurity.
- **Advocate for Change:** Hunger is a systemic issue. Support policies and programs that strengthen food access and economic stability for vulnerable populations.

Many families rely on Community Action's services to meet basic needs. Hunger Action Month is not just about raising awareness – it's about showing solidarity, compassion and commitment to our mission of helping people and changing lives.

Let's come together this September to fight hunger and build a stronger, healthier community.

Every action – big or small – counts.

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Sales Calendar

Hours

Sun/Mon : CLOSED

Tuesday : 11 AM -4 PM (Donation by Appt 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 Appt ONLY)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Last Minute BACK to School Sale! 50% off Backpacks, shoes, clothing	3 Women's and Men's Clothing 50% off	4 BOGO shoes	5 20% off dishes	6 Fill a Bag Kids clothing \$5
7	8	9 30% off Knick Knacks	10 20% off Porcelain dolls	11 BOGO Glassware	12 30% off Linens	13 BOGO Craft section
14	15	16 30% off Chairs	17 30% off Small Appliances	18 50% off Summer clothing Shorts, Tanks, Sandals	19 BOGO Glassware	20 50% off Kids Toys and furniture
21	22	23 .50 Water Bottles	24 20% Off Furniture	25 50% off Luggage and Suitcases	26 15% off Personal care Items	27 50% off Printer Ink and Cartridges
28	29	30 30% off Halloween items				

Contact Information

Call: 585-589-1430

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Email: mainstreetthriftstore@caoginc.org

Facebook: Main Street Corner Thrifts, Gifts and More

SEPTEMBER THINGS TO REMEMBER

The color most associated with September is deep blue (sapphire)

Two flowers associated with September are the aster (symbol of powerful love) and morning glory (symbol of affection)

Labor Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, Rosh Hashanah and the International Day of Peace are all September Celebrations



September also marks the transition from summer to fall, which means sweater weather

School starting and slower speed limits in school zones. Watch out for those, no one needs a ticket



Welcome Back to all Head Start Employees and here is to another positive, fun-filled school year!!!