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August 2018 NYSCAA Newsletter

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friend,

I hope the dog days of August are treating you well. Thank you for the warm wishes of welcome that many of you sent me. I am thrilled to be back at NYSCAA as the Chief Executive Officer.

My first few weeks here have been filled with activity and travel - my first week I visited Batavia for the 3rd 2018 Regional Meeting, my second took me to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for the RPIC Region II and III Convening with NYSCAA's Director of Performance Management Francesca Sommer, and my third brought me to both Utica for a Board committee Strategic Planning Meeting and New York City for the 4th 2018 Regional Meeting. This flurry of activity has allowed me to hit the ground running, connect with many of you, and get insight into the needs of our network.

Our mission at NYSCAA is to increase the capacity of New York State's nonprofit network to strengthen communities and improve the quality of life for people living in poverty. We meet our mission through training, advocacy, and education. Throughout our 30+ year history we have been proud to represent community action agencies in New York as they work to change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities, and make America a better place to live.

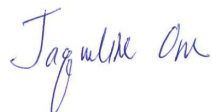
Over the next several months, NYSCAA will be embarking on a strategic planning process to chart a new course for the Association. We will be conducting listening sessions, holding interviews with NYSCAA's community partners, and administering surveys. We very much want you to participate in these activities so we can incorporate your thoughts and ideas into the direction we set for the next few years. Be on the look-out for more information.

I look forward to reconnecting with, and getting to know new, friends and colleagues in our NYSCAA network. We are excited to be starting a new chapter and hope you will join us at one of our upcoming events such as the

RPIC Region II Conference which will take place in Binghamton on September 27&28. See more information in this newsletter about the outstanding topics and presenters we have lined up.

Please feel encouraged to reach out to me directly at jorr@nyscommunityaction.org.

With thanks,



[Email Me](#)

Jackie Orr, NCRT
Chief Executive Officer
NYSCAA

See You this September at the Meeting of the Minds!

The Community Action Angels are hosting the 11th annual "Meeting of the Minds" this September 11th and 12th at the Embassy Suites in Syracuse, NY.

The Meeting of the Minds is FREE to attend - your meal is provided on Tuesday, September 11th at the annual dinner care of Kevin Hohn of the Stahlka Agency. A fee of \$18 per person is charged for lunch, lunch tickets will be sold at registration.



The Agenda for the Meeting of the Minds includes:

- Strategic Fundraising: Know What You Should Get Out of Your Fundraising Efforts
- CSBG Fundraising: Rules, Regulations, Responsibilities
- Volunteer Fundraising
- Relationships = Sustainability
- Radicalization and Victimization of Low-Income Youth: Community Service Deterrent
- Pathways to Excellence - Lined With Hope
- A Child's Path To Learning, Book 4
- Sharing Best Practices
- Food Recovery Program
- Innovative Community Partnerships That Co-Create Community Resilience
- The Kindness Cupboard
- Employment Retention Investment Curriculum
- 2018 Statewide Project for Kids

Community Action Angels encourages you to dress comfortably, bring your ideas, your enthusiasm, and be prepared for a few surprises and to have a great time at this popular event.

For more information, [click here](#) to view the Meeting of the Minds Brochure on the NYSCAA website.

Register Today for the RPIC Region II Conference!



The RPIC Conference is an excellent opportunity for Community Action staff in Region II to hear from state and national experts in the areas of Risk Management, Finance, Human Resources, Leadership, and to network with colleagues from New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico.

The 2018 RPIC Conference will be held in Binghamton, NY on September 27th and 28th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

Registration is OPEN! Register TODAY and enjoy learning from colleagues and experts in the field. Denise Harlow, CEO of the Community Action Partnership will be the Keynote Speaker and other invited presenters include CAPLAW; the New York Department of State; New Jersey Division of Community Affairs; US Census Bureau NY Regional Office; Krieger Solutions, LLC; University of Missouri/Missouri Cares; and the New York State Council of Nonprofits among others!

The Draft Agenda is available by [clicking here](#). The agenda is divided into three targeted tracks: Finance/Compliance, Leadership/Management, and Human Resources/Compliance. These tracks aim to offer valuable information for folks across all roles in our local community action agencies.

[Click here](#) to register!

[Click here](#) to book your hotel. [Click here](#) to learn more about attractions in the Binghamton area to compliment your visit.

Final 2018 NYSCAA Regional Meeting Upcoming 9/6

NYSCAA has hosted 4 Regional Meetings across the state so far this summer and now there is *only one more chance* to attend a 2018 Regional Meeting.

Join us in Syracuse on September 6th from 10AM-1PM. The meeting will be held at the Make a Wish Office: 5005 Campuswood Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

[Click here](#) to register and view the agenda.

For more information, please reach out to NYSCAA Director of Performance Management Francesca Sommer at fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org.

Upcoming NYSCAA IT Webinar

NYSCAA continues to hold educational IT webinars to assist our NYS network to build fundamental skills and to focus on the various technologies the community action network uses in their day-to-day operations.

These sessions use the GoToWebinar Platform. For more information on the series, please contact Dan Healy, Director of Information Technology, at dhealy@nyscommunityaction.org.

The next IT webinar will be:

September 14th - [Survey Monkey \(PART 2\)](#)

Future dates will be announced as they become available!

Save The Date: NYSCAA Executive Director Seminar

The annual NYSCAA Executive Director Seminar will be held October 23rd and 24th in the Syracuse, New York area.

An agenda and further information are forthcoming. Please stay tuned.

CAP, NASCSP, and NCAF Kick-Off "Weatherization Day" with Free Webinar



Join the Community Action Partnership (CAP), National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP), and the National community Action Foundation (NCAF) for a webinar in preparation for Weatherization Day 2018 on October 30th.

Weatherization Day Webinar
Thursday, September 13th 2018
2:30-3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Weatherization Day is a great opportunity to highlight the program and the impact it has on households around the country. Participants will hear guidance from NASCSP on developing a communications strategy, learn about Weatherization resources from CAP's leveraging project, and tips and strategies for engaging policy makers around Weatherization Day from the NCAF team. [Click here](#) to register.

Community Leaders Can Help New York Count in the 2020 Census!

An accurate 2020 Census count is critical to ensuring New York's influence in Congress and protecting our fair share of federal funds for education, health care, community services, and economic development. Below are some ways NY Community Leaders can help make New York "Count" in the 2020 Census.

Raise Awareness

Talk to your community about why the Census is important. As a trusted voice, you can educate people about the Census and encourage responses to Census surveys.

Form a Complete Count Committee

A "Complete Count Committee" (CCC) is a volunteer committee established by local governments and community leaders to increase awareness about the census and motivate residents to respond. CCCs can help promote the Census through educational campaigns, social media, and special events.

Identify and Reach Out to "Hard to Count" Groups

Your community may include people who are historically undercounted - children under 5, seniors, immigrants, and low-income households are among these historically undercounted groups. Leaders can develop plans to reach those households and address barriers to response such as limited English proficiency or difficulties accessing/navigating the internet.

Help Workers Find Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is planning to hire many temporary workers to conduct the Census. Community residents looking for seasonal jobs may include seniors, students, and others who are currently working part time. For more information, including job openings, [click here](#).

Reminder: Census Responses are Confidential

All information collected during the Census is required to be kept strictly confidential and cannot be shared with any other federal, state, or local agency.

More Information

For more information visit www.ny.gov/census2020 or email localgov@dos.ny.gov.

Highlights at our Agencies...

CEO to Host Community Action

ACAP's "Dress for Success" Program to

Luncheon



SAVE the DATE

COMMUNITY ACTION LUNCHEON
HILTON GARDEN INN - 235 HOOSICK ST, TROY, NY

09.19.18

For more info, please visit:
www.ceoempower.org/events

CEO

When: Wednesday, September 19th 11-1pm

Where: Hilton Garden Inn - Troy
235 Hoosick Street
Troy, NY 12180

What: CEO welcomes friends and supporters to an annual celebration, showcasing the mission and work of CEO in Rensselaer County while honoring individuals and businesses that are transforming their communities through advocacy, empowerment, and compassion for those living in poverty.

[Click here](#) for more information.

RECAP's Mill Street Cafe to Open September 14th!

The Orange County Chamber of Commerce and RECAP invite you to celebrate in the ribbon cutting grand opening of the Mill Street Cafe. The Mill Street Cafe is a workforce training program for people who are unemployed, underemployed, receive public benefits, or recently released from incarceration.

When: September 14th 11:30am-1pm

Where: Mill Street Cafe
34 Mill Street
Middletown, NY 10940

What: [Click here](#) for more information.

Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. Celebrates Annual Staff Appreciation Day

On August 9th Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. held its annual Staff Appreciation Day at Allegany State Park. Staff spent the day with family and friends enjoying the beautiful summer weather and park surroundings, as well as self-defense activities with Shuari Karate Dojo and water fun with the Youth Development Coalition. [Click here](#) to view photos.

NYSCAA HELP DESK:

Have a tech question? The NYSCAA Help Desk is open to all NYSCAA Members. Call Dan Healy at 518-690-0491 x 28 or submit an inquiry [here](#).

THE PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Click on Name of Agency to Visit Website: Action for a Better Community, Inc. *

host "Hops & Heels" Stepping Out for Success Event



HOPS & HEELS

STEPPING OUT FOR SUCCESS
Thursday
October 25th, 2018
Brown's Brewing
Revolution Hall, Troy NY

When: Thursday, October 25th 6-9pm

Where: Brown's Revolution Hall
425 River Street
Troy, NY 12180

What: Food, fun, music, raffles, networking, program highlights, presentation of the Spirit Award, swag bags, cash bar and more!
[Click here](#) for more information.

ABC "Walk for Self Sufficiency" Coming September 22nd!



Marietta G. Avery
WALK FOR SELF SUFFICIENCY

When: September 22nd 9am-12pm

Where: Genesee Valley Park
Rochester, NY 14623

What: Action for a Better Community will hold its annual Marietta G. Avery Walk for Self Sufficiency September 22nd. The 5K/3M event takes place at Genesee Valley Park Dogwood Shelter and is free for children under 10.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Opportunities for Broome, Inc. holds Charity Golf Event



Opportunities for Broome, Inc. recently held their Annual Charity Golf Event on August 10th. [Click here](#) for pictures from the fun day!

Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. * Albany Community Action Partnership * ACCORD Corporation * CAPC of Jefferson County * Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. * Chautauqua Opportunities Inc. * Columbia Opportunities, Inc. * Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Capital District Region, Inc. * Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc. * Community Action of Greene County, Inc. Community Action of Orleans & Genesee * Community Action Partnership for Madison County, Inc. Cortland Community Action Program, Inc. (CAPCO) * Delaware Opportunities * Dutchess County Community Action Agency, Inc. * Economic Opportunity Program Inc. of Chemung County EOC of Nassau County - Hempstead * EOC of Suffolk - Patchogue * Fulmont Community Action Agency, Inc. * JCEO of Clinton & Franklin Counties * Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. * Livingston County Planning Department * Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. * NYC Department of Youth and Community Development * Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. * Opportunities for Broome, Inc. * Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. * Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. * Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. * Path Stone PEACE, Inc. * Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. * RECAP * Saratoga County EOC, Inc. Schenectady Community Action, Inc. * Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc. * St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. * Tioga Opportunities, Inc. * Tompkins Community Action, Inc. * Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. * Warren/Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. * L.E.A.P. * WestCOP * Wayne County Community Action Program, Inc. * Wyoming County Community Action, Inc. * Yonkers Community Action Program, Inc.



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