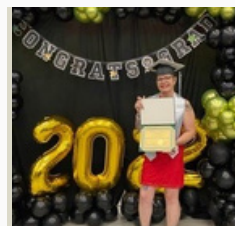




SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JUNE IS NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH
 JULY IS NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
 AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

AEI Graduating Class of 2022



June 29, 2022: the Jewish Renaissance Foundation proudly graduated 17 adult students from the Alternative Education Institute (AEI). The ceremony took place at the Department of Recreation on Olive St. in Perth Amboy, and was well attended, by family, friends, JRF board members and staff, Edison Job Corps, and AmeriCorps members. This was the first AEI graduation held since 2020. In March 2020, just as the Covid-19 pandemic forced us all to shelter in place, we quickly had to pivot from in person classes, to virtual classes, and despite this hiccup, these students buckled down and forged ahead, all while keeping their eye on the end goal.

Fast forward to Wednesday, June 29, 2022, "Pomp and Circumstance" played, as the students walked down the aisle, to cheers, tears, and applause. Caps and gowns, proudly worn by the graduates, displayed their class of 2022 tassel and stole. Smiles adorned the faces of the students as they proudly walked down the aisle to their seats. Graduate, Nancy Autunez, serenaded us with a song; Graduate, Lynda Segui, recognized as the class speaker, shared her journey and the many roads that finally led her to this day. Keynote speaker, Angelo Abreu, Director of the Middlesex College Perth Amboy campus, shared his words of wisdom with the graduates. Deborah Robinson, CEO of the JRF, Antonia Ricigliano, JRF Board Member, and Ashton Stripling, Director of Edison Job Corps, all shared remarks. In the words of Michael Josephson – "Take pride in how far you've come, have faith in how far you can go, but don't forget to enjoy the journey."

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ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The 14th Annual Jewish Renaissance Foundation Golf Outing was held on June 21, 2022 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ. The golf outing is held and sponsored by many different organizations to support the services offered under the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. Individual golfers, as well as the following companies, were in attendance and sponsored the golf outing activities:

- UnitedHealth Care (UHC)
- Horizon NJ Health
- SourcePass
- LabCorp
- Triton HR
- Lincoln Investments

In addition to the golfing event, a luncheon and award ceremony was held for 1st, 2nd 3rd Place, Closest to the Pin, and the Longest Drive. Many golfers also participated in the 50/50 and won some great raffle prizes including cigar baskets, gift certificates from salons and spas, and basketball lessons and attire. Dr. Alan Goldsmith spoke about the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and services offered and presented Deborah Robinson, CEO, who thanked all the sponsors and golfers for attending the event. Everyone had a great time and it turned out to be a great day. Many thanks to the AmeriCorps members (Jordy, Janelle, Toria, Emily and Jaribel) as well as Tawayna Bailey, Director of AmeriCorps and Academic Services. Everyone's efforts made the golf event a success!



AMERICORPS: END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

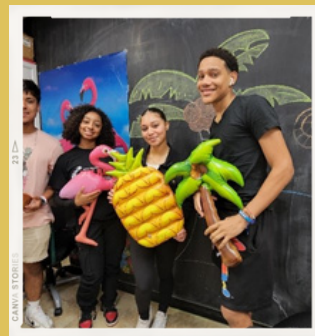


On June 16, 2022, Tawayna Bailey, Director of AmeriCorps and Academic Services, and the JRF AmeriCorps Members took part in the AmeriCorps End of Year event! This event gathers Americorps programs from all over the state of New Jersey to present their progress on initiatives and network with each other! #Americorps #CommunityService #NewJersey

(BASE)D ON "UPDATES" Senior Dinner Celebration

June 14th, 2022
Students served: 50

The School Based Program hosted its annual Senior Dinner Celebration in which twenty-one graduating seniors were recognized. The celebration took place at The Armory Restaurant in Perth Amboy. Students received a graduation cord, a certificate, and an appreciation gift. Parents and friends of students were also present in this celebration.



Run Into Summer Brunch

June 22nd, 2022
Students served: 70

As a goodbye to our students, the program hosted a Run into Summer Brunch for students. Active students of the program had a great time enjoying some brunch and spending bonding time with the program's staff. Approximately seventy students were able to enjoy this event.

Graduation Cap Decorating

June 21st, 2022
Students served: 17

On June 21, the JRF School-Base program hosted a graduation cap-decorating event for Seniors to come decorate their graduation caps. Seventeen students came to decorate their caps. Students had a great time choosing from the different options of stickers, letters, and supplies.



STEP UP(dates)!

Senior Celebration Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure

June 12th, 2022

To commemorate all the efforts of our class of 2022, we hosted the Senior Celebration at Six Flags Great Adventure. The graduating Seniors were able to enjoy a whole day at the park with food included, and at the end received a recognition of their hard work in the program during all these years.

STEP UP Last Good-bye

June 23rd and 24th, 2022

For two days in a row the Step Up office made its presence by helping out at graduation by providing snacks for our participants in the program and for the students and staff that helped on graduation day. The day after graduation, they hosted another good-bye event with all the participants that were not seniors to enjoy one last time at office. Students came to eat and redesign the chalkboard to reflect the new graduating class of 2023.



“Mental health is real, let’s make it a big deal”

On Monday, August 8, the JRF Emerging Leaders cohort 5 presented to the City Council. On August 10 they received approval to implement side walk art at the teen center, located on Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy, supporting Suicide Prevention and Mental Health. Thank you to the Perth Amboy Arts Council, the Perth Amboy City Council, Perth Amboy's Mayor Caba, and all the community supporters!

The unveiling took place on August 17th. #emergingstronger

A big congratulations to LEAP Program Coordinator, Precious Ojeda, her team, the support of her AmeriCorps Members and staff, and the dedication and passion of her students to want to shed light on the tragic reality of suicide by inspiring hope in our community through positive messages and resources. Working alongside local city artist, Olga Muzician, they were able to bring their vision to life. The JRF is so very proud of you all!



ANTI-POVERTY YOUTH SUMMIT PROGRAM



Throughout the months of July and August, the Step Up and School Base (SBYSP) programs partnered with the Middlesex College Perth Amboy Center, serving their Success Bound Program students. As an internship site, they were able to successfully run their very own Anti-Poverty Youth Summit Program. The program started on July 5th and culminated on August 9th. Students worked on developing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about Poverty, connecting it to different awareness needs such as Child Abuse Prevention, Alcohol Awareness, Mental Health Awareness, Childhood Cancer Awareness, and Suicide Prevention. The goal of the program is to bring awareness and solutions to poverty in New Jersey. Also, for students to become aware of the challenges in their community.

Students also had the opportunity to learn from guest speakers from the Family Success Center of the JRF and the New Jersey Citizen Action. This program also helps its students enhance their team and social skills as the program implements several team building activities that promote healthy youth development. The program culminated with a virtual meeting where community members and staff were invited to see the hard work of the students.

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.

JRF Community & Family Services was "PAAC'ed" with Summer Events!



PAAC welcomed the back to school season by hosting their second annual Spelling Bee on August 18, at Francis St. Park. This year, PAAC added an additional activity, the PAAC Magic Show, to top off the evening. After our young super stars demonstrated their spelling abilities, they were treated to a show of mystery performed by "Mr. Magico". None of our neighbors could figure out how Mr. Magico made 2 rabbits appear out of thin air and made a light bulb turn on in the hand of one of our spelling bee champions. Other summer events included a Tie-Dye event for our youth and a Paint & Sip for the entire family to enjoy!



TIE DYE FUN

The Bayside FSC, in partnership with AmeriCorps and the City of Perth Amboy, worked vigorously this summer to engage our youth with events such as an Ice Cream Social at Washington Park and a Tie Dye activity at the Olive Street Recreation Center. Happy to say, everyone had a great time!



Sip & Paint



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

Our Education team continues to inspire and propel our community into success! Looking for inspiration, looking to obtain your GED, look no further than AEI.



ACCEPTING NEW APPLICANTS

CONTACT US AT (732) 324 - 2114 EXT. 120

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 (SSAP).



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/institute.
Must be able to commit to a (5) month program.



Success is Within Reach!



The HiSET® test is a 5-subject high school equivalency exam that measures the academic knowledge relative to that of a high school graduate. The exam covers five content areas: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.

Back to School Backpack Giveaway and Health Fair

As the beginning of the school year approaches, and in celebration of Children's Eye Health and Safety Month, the Family Assistance Center (FAC) and their parent agency, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) hosted three (3) Back to School Health Fairs. On 8/04/22 they kicked off the events at the Middlesex College's Perth Amboy Campus, on 8/15/2022 at the Acacia Youth Recreation Center in Woodbridge, and finally held the last event at the Edison Housing Authority on 8/25/2022. The Fairs were packed with supplies and services thanks to our incredible volunteers and collaborators from the Bayside Family Success Center (FSC), Mobile Family Success Center, Greenway Family Success Center, Americorps, Success Bound, and our School Based Youth Services (SBYS) Program, Middlesex College, City of Perth Amboy, Edison Housing Authority.

Through the JRF's Community Services Block (CSBG) Grant - CARES, we served 242 families and provided 200 free vision screenings and glasses through Optical Academy. We also distributed 512 backpacks filled with school supplies like notebooks, folders, rulers etc., and handed out 536 \$15 Walmart gift cards for additional school items. Additionally, we secured school supply boxes for every backpack, donated by Iselin Staples, gave away 80 gently used Chromebooks donated by the AUL Charter School, and through the JRF Community Health Center administered 9 COVID-19 vaccines/boosters, 66 blood pressure readings and 49 glucose screenings.

Many of our partners tabled and handed out "goodies" as they spoke of their services. Those in attendance were Chase Bank, City of Perth Amboy, Horizon BCBSNJ, Coordinated Family Care, Brain Injury Alliance, NJ Department of Health, Acelero, Community Affairs and Resource Center, AUL Charter School and Middlesex College.



Thank You



NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

AUG. 7 - AUG. 13



National Health Center Week (August 7 – 13) is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades. Community Health Centers serve as the beacon of strength, service, and care in their communities. In moments of pain and loss, they offer support and love. In moments of triumph, they offer hope and a vision for the future. Let's come together this week to celebrate the roles Community Health Centers have played in both our recent moments of loss and triumph.

--www.nachc.org

At the JRF Community Health Center in Edison, NJ it was all about the patients and staff, as they celebrated Patient Appreciation Day and Staff Appreciation Day with healthy snacks and refreshments, health related necessities for our patients, and lunch for the staff! It was a fun filled week for all!

JRF Community Health Center
1931 Oak Tree Rd, Edison, NJ 08820
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WELCOME
to the Team

June - August 2022

Jordi J. - Education and Career Readiness Assistant, AEI
Kelsi P. - Contracted Event Coordinator
Tatiana D. - Youth Development Specialist, SBYS
Laurise F. - Licensed Practical Nurse, JRF-CHC
Nilakshi P. - Certified Dental Assistant, JRF-CHC



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jewish Renaissance Foundation AMERICORPS Program



Are you worried about paying your own and/or your child's/grandchild's student loans? Do you want to Make a Difference for your community? Are you motivated to Get Things Done in your community?

Become a JRF AmeriCorps Member

What is the JRF AmeriCorps Program?

- It is a community-based, service learning program hosted by the Jewish Renaissance Foundation
- Through this program, AmeriCorps Members are placed in host agencies throughout Middlesex County, improving the quality of health education and community assistance programs.

- Requires a commitment of one term. Commitment opportunities range from 3 months to one year.

What are some of things I would be doing as a JRF AmeriCorps Member?

- Educating your community about nutrition, health services and maintaining overall well-being.
- Facilitating youth and family programs that build self-confidence and character
- Increasing access to information and skills training to disadvantaged populations
- Gaining on-the-job skills training critical to your professional development

What do I need to know to join the JRF AmeriCorps Program?

- Must be a U.S. Citizen, national or legal permanent resident.
- Weekly commitment of service hours required. Flexible opportunities available.
- Must be at least 17 years old with parental consent, or 18 and older and have received a High School Diploma, GED, or will receive one within six months of joining AmeriCorps.

Apply Now!!!!

For more information about this program, contact:
Tawayna Bailey
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(732) 324-2114 ext. 120

Benefits of being a JRF AmeriCorps Member?

- Modest Living Allowance
- Educational Award (can be used toward current or future school tuition, and/or student loans)
- Loan Forbearance during time of service (for qualifying student loans)
- Leadership Experience & Community Service
- Competitive Resume
- Exceptional Opportunities



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- CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT - P/T
- FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER - P/T
- CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT - EVENINGS
- DENTIST - P/T

JRF Social Service Programs

- WELLNESS COORDINATOR, FAC - F/T
- GRANT WRITER - P/T
- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR, FSC
- ACCOUNTANT, F/T

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