

JCEO

Joint Council for Economic Opportunity
of Clinton and Franklin Counties, Inc.

2011 Annual Report



*Since 1965 JCEO has always
been there.... ready to
lend a helping hand .*



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UP-COMING EVENTS:

5th Annual Golf Tournament - Aug. 26th at the Bluff Point Golf Resort.

6th Annual Golf Ball Drop - Aug. 26th at the Bluff Point Golf Resort.

Volunteer Recognition—TBA

***Please checkout the backside of this publication to view our Sponsors!**

MISSION:

"JCEO is dedicated to providing resources and services that promote peoples' dignity and self-reliance"

President George Washington once said *"Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse."* Although I doubt that any member of the current Congress has ever read or heard these words, I hope that their actions will be consistent with the intent of President Washington's words.

I understand that our Nation is facing some difficult budget decisions but, as the leader of the free world, America has a responsibility to protect and care for its citizens. Senior citizens, most of whom have worked hard all of their lives, should not be without affordable health care nor should they be unable to afford the basic necessities. Low-income individuals and families should never be without food to feed themselves, fuel to heat their homes and healthcare that, at the very least, addresses critical care needs.

Now, we Americans refer to this country as the greatest country on earth and I believe that it is but I also worry that we are drifting from some of the basic principles that have made us great. For example, Congress is considering a balanced budget amendment which, although it may sound reasonable, will have a devastating impact on programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other programs designed to serve the low-income. Congress would have us believe that we just cannot afford to do all of things we have been doing. They might be right but I don't know that and neither do they.

How can Congress even begin to know what we can and cannot afford to do when our tax codes allows: Exxon Corporation to make \$19 billion in profits in 2009 – pay no federal income taxes and still receive a \$156 million rebate from the IRS; Bank of America to receive a \$1.9 billion tax refund from the IRS last year despite the fact that it made \$4.4 billion in profits and also had a bailout by the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department of nearly \$1 trillion; or, General Electric which, over the past five years, made \$26 billion in profits and last year received a \$4.1 billion refund from the IRS. These are but a very few of the many abuses of the corporate tax code and Congress wants our Senior citizens to go without healthcare. Once again, as President George Washington said, *"Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse."*

Bruce Garcia, CEO

"Community Action Agencies are very important in assisting the Plattsburgh Community in many ways. These Agencies provided assistance with the challenges and difficulties individuals face in their daily lives. The attention, professionalism and care provided by all these local agencies and their staff defines the true importance for our community."

As Mayor, I truly appreciate all that they do.

Mayor Donald Kasprzak

Programs and Services

Community Outreach

12 County wide-locations
 Application, information & referral
 Advocacy for family self-sufficiency
 Medicaid Transportation

Day Care

Orientation Training / Startup Funding
 Child and Adult Care Food Program
 Resource & Referral Services

Energy Services

Energy Conservation
 Weatherization Referral and Packaging Program
 Adirondack Energy Technical Group/Empower New York

Head Start

Comprehensive Early Childhood Education
 17 Centers located in Franklin / Clinton Counties
 3 Home-based Centers located in Franklin County

HEAP

Energy Assistance Program

Nutrition Assistance

Twelve Emergency Food Pantries

Senior Outreach

Direct Services / Information & Referral
 Friendly Visitor / Telephone Reassurance/ Program
 Rural Transportation
 Senior Care / Senior Repair

JCEO Board of Directors

Private Sector –other major groups & interests

Mark Bennett (Represents Religious Sector)
 Noreen Brady-Vice President (Represents Business Sector)
 Janice Gosselin-Assistant Secretary (Represents Business Sector)
 Sandy Walker (Represents Business Sector)
 Steve Wood-CPA– President (Represents Business Sector)

Public Sector – Elected Officials

Jill Abdallah-Officer at Large (Represents Janet Duprey, Assembly-woman)
 Martha Bachman (Represents Bernie Bassette, Supervisor Town of Plattsburgh)
 Carman Santor (Represents James Langley, Legislature Area 7)
 Mary Sears (Represents Tom Sears, Legislature Area 3)
 Karl Schenck (Represents Larry Barcomb, Supervisor Town of Champlain)
 Barbara Zelinski– Secretary (Represents Keith Defayette, Legislature Area 5)

Consumer Sector – represents low income

Edward Baker-*PAC representing Town of Plattsburgh
 Carol Boulrice-* PAC representing Town of Altona
 Hilda Danforth-*PAC representing Town of Ellenburg
 Steve Frederick- (Past President)-*PAC representing Town of Chazy
 Scarlett McBride-*PAC Representing Town of Peru
 John Redden-Treasurer-*PAC representing the Town of Danemora
 *PAC– Policy Advisor Council



Commendable Service Awards

Dedication

Please join us in honoring
this year's Award Recipients

40 Years

Susan Tinker

30 Years

Ellen Montgomery
Diane Lagree
Linda Donah
Wanita Pratt

10 Years

Shelly Boyea
Diane Walfield
Michelle Boynton
Julie Stalker
Lahoma Mangum

25 Years

Pamela Dupras
Donna Agony

5 Years

Catherine Boyd
Venetia Trumbley
Cora Jones-Guerin
Robin Auger
Stacey McDonald
Joseph Young
Bridget Trumbley
Regina Braun

20 Years

Jacqueline Skiff

15 Years

Joanne Domenica



"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand"

Vince Lombardi



Cindy Waldron
Employee of the year—Adult



Danielle Lamica
Employee of the year—Family



Norman Bonner
Employee of the year—Child



Patricia Cross
Volunteer of the year—Family



Anita Bailey
Volunteer of the year—Adult



Sandy Williamson
Volunteer of the year—Child

KEY Accomplishments

FISCAL:

- Annual Audit and 990 Report were filed timely
- Received an unqualified opinion on fiscal year ending 1/31/2010 Audit Report
- Updated training was completed on accounting software system
- Secured a Training & Technical Assistant Grant from the State, which enabled us to update our Accounting Software and technology in the business office

SENIOR OUTREACH:

The Senior Outreach Program assisted 985 Seniors with information and assistance.

This included:

- Completion of Home Delivered Meals Assessments
- Health Insurance Counseling
- Assistance with applying for Food Stamps, Medicaid and Lifeline Services

We provided 145 Seniors with transportation to and from medical appointments. This resulted in 1,970 rides provided by our volunteer drivers.

We provided 108 Seniors with Holiday Food Baskets in the month of December

“There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishments.”

Unknown Author

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Updated Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
- All Personnel files have been standardized and all sections have been labeled for easy access to vital documents. All files are monitored and updated on a regular basis.

Day Care:

The Day Care Program purchased Minute Menu Kids Pro software for all Registered and Licensed Day Care Providers. This website is designed to allow day care providers to record Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) information on-line. This system is assessable through Internet Explorer.

Benefits to JCEO:

- The advantages of this software is that CACFP claims that usually took three weeks to process, now only take three-five days.
- 95% of the CACFP paperwork has been eliminated.

Benefits to Providers:

- Providers are now able to e-mail the CACFP claim forms to us; saving on postage. This program also allows them to create and track invoices for parents, manage electronic deposits from parents, manage business expenses, record mileage and calculate time-space use of their home. Providers can also do daily reports to parents.



KEY Accomplishments

Head Start:

Our Males Involved in their Children's Education (MICE) groups have been meeting regularly and have accomplished some of their intended goals, which includes doing some general maintenance and upkeep on our sheds at various centers.

Parents and Staff from the Brushton, Malone and Peru Centers and the Malone Home Based Options planned Art Shows for their centers. These events were very well attended.

We have enjoyed successful partnerships with Plattsburgh City School District and Brushton-Moira Central School District's UPK program. Seven Head Start children were dually enrolled through our partnership with Plattsburgh City School District's UPK Program. Through this partnership the entire class benefited by having extra speech and special education services provided.

We have made 37 referrals to the Committee on Preschool Education. Five of the children identified had received services and were declassified, no longer needing special education services. These children will have an easier time transitioning into kindergarten.

We have identified 56 children with elevated BMI's and the potential to be overweight. Twenty six of those children are on Doctor supported plans to reduce their BMI's and 4 more plans are pending.

Transportation has maintained a sound, accident free system.

This year the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool was implemented in the centers. This is a valid and reliable research-based observational instrument that assesses classroom quality, including the assessment of teacher-child interactions that are linked to positive child outcomes and later achievement. We, also, have four Coordinators trained as reliable observers.



KEY Accomplishments

ENERGY SERVICES

All Field Staff hired before 1/1/2011 have received the BPI certification as required by HCR.

Two staff completed the Manufactured Housing – Division of Code enforcement & Administration class.

Work has been completed on several of the ARC buildings.

We have three signed multi-family contracts that will be completed in 2011.

We also signed a MOU with NYSERDA to do the Green Jobs-Green New York Project.

We received the Agency of the Year Award at the 2011 Senior Celebration.

We assisted 51 households with the Empower NY Program. Of these 51 households, 14 households received new refrigerators, 7 households received freezers, 14 household received hard wired fixtures and 49 received CFL's and Energy Educations.

Community Action an Essential Piece of the Puzzle



~ The Town of Plattsburgh has partnered with JCEO to provide outreach services for residents in the Town for a number of years. More now than ever, JCEO programs provide valuable services and resources to those in need"

Bernard Bassett, Supervisor— Town of Plattsburgh

~ "I feel the biggest way Community Action Agencies help local communities is by having Outreach Centers. At this time most of the people served in the Outreach Center are unable to afford a car, let alone have money to put one on the road and keep gas in it. Without a vehicle, they are unable to get to Plattsburgh to get the services they need, such as emergency food packages or to apply for HEAP."

Jim Facticeau—Supervisor Town of Saranac

~ Community Action Agencies are very important to the Town of Black Brook for a number of reasons of which I will list: Heating Assistance (HEAP), Food Shelve, Medical Transportation, Wheels to Work, Back to School Supplies, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. It really disturbs me to think that these programs are in jeopardy of being terminated. People need these services even more now then they have in the past."

Ricky L. Nolan, Supervisor— Town of Black Brook

~ "JCEO has been a tremendous help with assisting people with fuel, food, rides to Dr. Offices and other functions as needed. We have experienced a great working relationship with JCEO , over the years, as we try to help our neediest residence get assistance with daily living needs."

Staub Spiegel, Supervisor— Town of Chazy



Professional Awards

Achievers

Recipient of the 2011 Agency of the Year Award



(Shown from left to right) Julie Stalker, Maria Alexandra, Belinda Parent, Crystal Carter, Bruce Garcia and Patricia Rauch. During this years Senior Celebration JCEO's Energy Services Program was recognized for the wonderful work they do in helping our Senior population.

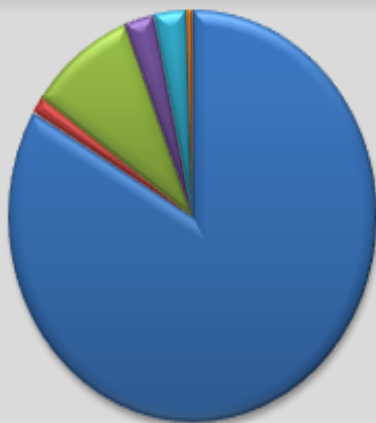
Recipients of the 2011 Human Services Professionals' Award



Clinton Community College's Human Services Program recognized Jackie Skiff-Head Start Director (shown left) and Sally Soucia-Community Outreach Director (shown right) for their work in the Human Services Field.

Source of Funds

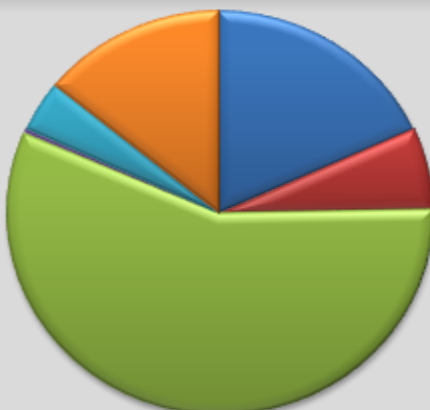
Federal Funding Direct	\$5,412,781.41
Federal Funding through the State	\$91,674.35
County Grants	\$606,507.34
Towns & City	\$167,298.10
Other income	\$183,211.54
Donations	\$31,950.85
Investment income	\$185.76
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	\$6,493,609.35



- Federal Funding Direct
- Federal Funding through the State
- County Grants
- Towns & City
- Other income

Use of Funds

Community Outreach	\$1,171,478.50
Daycare	\$415,732.83
Head Start	\$3,645,853.08
Food & Nutrition	\$20,428.96
Senior Outreach	\$263,098.07
Energy Services	\$907,266.00
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	\$6,423,857.44



- Community Outreach
- Daycare
- Head Start
- Food & Nutrition
- Senior Outreach

Chief Financial Officer's Report

We filed our Annual Audit by July 31, 2011. Martindale Keysor & Co. completed our audit and JCEO is proud to note that we received an unqualified opinion on the financial statements, as well as the compliance portion of the audit where our auditors found no material weaknesses or deficiencies.

JCEO has also filed all required quarterly reports on time and to the appropriate funding sources. We look forward to maintaining strong financial health as we continue to grow and improve services.

In 2010 the Community Services Block Grant received a 2.7 % funding cut. While it sounds like a small budget cutback, it will have a significant impact on service provisions for both our cities and towns. JCEO remains committed to ensuring that people continue to receive the help they need in 2011.

Nicole Reitler



JCEO's ANNAUL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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