Community Food Outreach and 2020 Census Event in AC with First Lady of New Jersey Tammy Murphy

First Lady of New Jersey Tammy Murphy worked with Atlantic City non-profits and other volunteers to prepare food to distribute to residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Tammy Murphy, along with volunteers from Atlantic City and LogistiCare, were onsite to help unload food pallets and prepare the food for resident pick-up.

The event was held at the Food HUB on Fairmount Avenue in AC/The Bangladesh Community Center - Bangladesh Association of South Jersey.

During the event the Mayor of Atlantic City Marty Small Sr. presented the Certificates of Appreciation to all those who supported the Food Distribution HUB during the Pandemic. Mayor Small also provided the First Lady of the State of New Jersey Tammy Murphy, a plaque for her leadership and services.

L-r: First Lady of NJ Tammy Murphy, Sharonda Sheppard, Direct Services Director, Ebelinda “Mimi” Nambo Community Service Social Worker & Nadine Kuster-Farrell, Senior Direct Case Manager. (Bags provided by Ocean Inc.)

NJDCA Emergency Rental Assistance Begins July 6-17, 2020. See Announcement flyer on Pg. 11
O.C.E.A.N., Inc. staff met with Atlantic City Sheriff Eric Scheffler to discuss how Hope One and O.C.E.A.N., Inc. can work together to do some great things for the community. O.C.E.A.N., Inc. programs that were discussed and are currently provided in the community includes Head Start, Weatherization, Housing, Housing Counseling-First Time Homebuyer, Rental Assistance, Home Energy and Direct Services, including Intensive Case Management.

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Ocean Inc. received 300 free face masks from the Front Line Sewing Angels during the pandemic. This generous donation totals $3,000 of in-kind to Ocean Inc. ♦
The Mayor of the City of Atlantic City Marty Small Sr. presented Certificates of Appreciation to staff who provided support at the Food Distribution HUB in AC.

Ocean Inc. staff who received certificates for their support during the pandemic were Ocean Inc. President/CEO Channell Wilkins, Greg Ingrum and Ebelinda “Mimi” Nambo as indicated in the photos below. Mayor Small Sr. also provided the First Lady of the State of NJ Tammy Murphy, a plaque for her leadership and services. ♦
Ocean Inc.’s Partnership with the Bangladesh Association of South Jersey

The Friends in Action President Anthony Brower and staff, participated in the outreach event. Members of the Bangladesh Association of South Jersey included Julon Paul, Shakawat Hossain Shipon, Mohammed Belal, Monir Zaman, Abdur Rafique and the President of Bangladesh association of South Jersey Mohammed z Islam. The goal of the Atlantic City Food Distribution HUB and Delivery Program is to address the immediate food needs of families and seniors living in the First, Second, Third and Fifth Wards. The Community Distribution Center is located at 2719 Fairmount Avenue in Atlantic City, NJ.

2020 Census

The NJ Department of State Complete Count Commission provided the 2020 Census Billboard Truck at the Food Distribution event in Atlantic City. Ocean Inc., is an appointed non-profit community organization of the County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, (CCC) received grant funding from the New Jersey Department of State 2020 Complete Count Commission, (DOSCC) to support its efforts to achieve a complete count for Census 2020. This is of critical importance as census population counts dictate how federal funding is distributed for many program and services, and also determines congressional representation.

NJ 2020 Census Billboard Truck at the Food Distribution event in Atlantic City.

Ocean Inc. 2020 Census Table
The Ocean Inc. Brick Head Start staff held a congratulatory drive-thru celebration for the Head Start students and their families. Families participated in the scheduled event to pick up their children's year end items and a Shop Rite Gift Card provided by Ocean Inc. New backpacks were provided by Elizabeth Seton Children's Center who donated 52 backpacks totaling $1,040.00 of in-kind to the Brick Center.

Ocean Inc. LEAP 8th Street “End of Year” Congratulations Celebration for the Children. LEAP Education staff including Teachers, and Assistants prepared the event for the children with a spirit of excellence!
Congratulations to the 2020 Graduates

Ms. Aniya Evans

Christian & Gabriel Garcia

Irene Hickey

Christelle Lezin

Indigo Williams
2020 Ocean Inc. Graduates

BRIAN

HOSKINS

Austin Williams

Jada Williams

Autumn Williams

Gold Balloons
March 16, 2020 - Governor Phil Murphy Announces: “To slow the speed of COVID-19, I’m ordering the closure of all Pre-K, K-12 Schools, Colleges and Universities and all non-essential businesses beginning 3/18/20.....

“...We do not take any of the steps we’ve announced lightly said Governor Murphy. We know that these will impact residents and families, communities and businesses but our paramount concern is to Flatten the Curve. These steps will ensure we do not overload our healthcare system.”
Internal/External Communication Plan
Utilized to Increase Operational Capacity

Daily Information-Referral & News Updates

Ocean Inc. Virtual Kiosk
Virtual Customer Feedback Survey via use on any computer, IPAD or Smartphone for individuals and families during the COVID-19 pandemic and post pandemic.

Ocean Inc. in partnership with Gateway Community Action Partnership and Project HOPE, are supporting a food distribution program in Atlantic City to address food insecurity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ocean Inc. provided Food Boxes, $50 Shoprite Gift Cards and Educational Packets to 600 Agency Head Start Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Ocean Inc. promoted a variety of virtual Census 2020 activities during the pandemic. Heather Saul (left) of Cape Assist, Ocean Inc.’s CSBG Sub-Recipient in Cape May County promoted the NJ Census 2020 on April 1st, “Official Census Day.”
Ocean Inc., LEAP Inc. & Early Head Start Program

Documented required for eligibility

Completed Application
2. Identification-ID
3. Programs services children’s ages:
   - Early Head Start 0 to 3 years and Pregnant moms (only in Lakewood)
   - LEAP Inc. Head Start 3 to 5 years (children) to be 3 years by December 31st of the current school year.
   - OCEAN Inc. Head Start 3 to 5 years (children) to be 3 years by October 1st of the current school year.
4. Proof of Income: Documentation must be from the 30 days to 12 months or calendar year.
   - Individual Income tax form, W-2 forms, pay stubs, a written statement on letterhead from employers specifying income, child support, or current documentation of public assistance; TANF, SSI.
5. Other Important Documentations: Health
   - Physical and Immunization Records
   - The flu shot is required during school year September 1st deadline December 31st. (Head Start children only)
   - Labs: Hemoglobin/Hematocrit (H&H) & Lead
   - Dental Exam (must be submitted within 90 Days)
6. Custody orders and or Guardianship/Foster Care Paperwork must be submitted at time of Enrollment, to process the application.

When you submit your application, whether you fax, in person, virtual or phone the staff will conduct a brief interview to review your application in person, virtual or phone. If you are unable to drop off your application you may mail it.

Program Options: Please review and select one for your child:

Head Start Full Day Programs-Ocean County (44 Weeks)
8AM-3PM- “Wrap Around Services” are available for an additional cost per week: 7:30AM to 8AM and 3PM to 5:30PM.
(Toms River only) *For parents who are working full time and or full-time students, documentation required.
Location: Toms River - Child Development Center
Requesting Wrap Around Services

Monday – Friday/ 8:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.
Location: Lakewood - 30 E. Eighth St.

Modified Full Day Head Start Programs (44 Weeks)

Monday – Friday/ 8AM – 3PM
  Brick Center    Toms River Center    Manchester Center

Monday-Thursday 8:45 A.M. - 2:45 P.M / Friday 8:45 A.M. -12:45 P.M.
Location: Lakewood: 999 Airport Road

Early Head Start Home Visiting Program
Site location: 170 Oberlin Ave, Lakewood
(Lakewood Only)

Infant/Toddler   Pregnant Mother
Home Visitors make one 90-minute visit per week to each child’s family/Pregnant Women have two 60-minute visits per month to each expectant mother

You will be notified by letter after we’ve receive information requested and your child’s eligibility has been determined.

*This is a federally funded program, and there are income guidelines that determine eligibility*
UPDATE: DCA has decided to extend the online registration for the COVID 19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP). Online pre-applications will now be taken until JULY 17, 2020 at 5 p.m.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CVERAP)

Open Enrollment Period:

Monday, July 6, 2020, at 9:00 am until Friday, July 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP) will provide temporary rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or became unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants may be eligible for a maximum of up to 6 months of emergency rental assistance. The assistance will be capped at DCA’s fair market rent standard or the total of the rent, whichever is lesser. All participants will be reviewed at the 3-month interval to see if they are still in need of assistance. Persons applying must meet all applicable CVERAP income and eligibility requirements. You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to apply or be an emancipated minor. Only one (1) pre-application per household will be accepted. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will extend reasonable accommodations to disabled individuals, and persons who have limited English proficiency on a case-by-case basis and will take into consideration the disability and the need(s) of the individual(s) or those households without internet access. Please call DCA’s Applicant Service Unit at 609-292-4080, Option 1 or 8, to request an accommodation.

All participants will be selected through an online lottery process. You do not have to be diagnosed with COVID-19 to be eligible.

Anyone selected for the program must meet the following requirements:

- Have a gross, annual household income that is at or below the maximum income limits for the county where they will be residing
- Be a New Jersey resident and have a valid lease for a unit in New Jersey signed by landlord
- Rent must be current as of March 2020; this program will not assist with arrears
- Have a substantial reduction in income or be unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Lack of assets or savings to pay rent
- Will pay a minimum of 30% of their income towards the rent

Applicants must have an email address to apply online at: https://www.waitlistcheck.com/NJ559-2809 beginning July 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. through July 10, 2020 at 5 p.m.

For more information, dial 609-292-4080 or 551-249-2687. You can also visit our website at: https://www.nj.gov/dca/vouchers.html, which includes information on the Maximum Income Limits and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for this Program.

During the Open Enrollment Period persons who would require a reasonable accommodation, including persons with limited English proficiency or do not have internet access, can call 609-292-4080, Option 1 or 8 for assistance.

Completion of the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Pre-application does not guarantee placement in the Program.
## Directory of O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Service Locations

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