Snooki, JWOWW and Bronna Lipton visit O.C.E.A.N., Inc. and donated toys to the Head Start Children through the Second Chance Toys Program

Snooki and JWOWW visited Ocean Inc. along with Bronna Lipton, Executive Director of Second Chance Toys and donated over 200 toys to the Head Start Children at the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start Center on the Campus of Ocean County College. The agency staff and our Head Start families are very grateful for their donation and for their kindness.

Their recognition of the needs of the community and the importance of their donation are greatly appreciated. Snooki, JWOWW and Bronna Lipton visited O.C.E.A.N., Inc. and donated toys to the Head Start Children through Second Chance Toys. The production crew filmed the agency staff and students during the event. To view the video, please visit our website at www.oceaninc.org or visit our Facebook account at O.C.E.A.N., Inc.

Photo: Front Rows: The children at O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start show the gifts they received. Back Row: (l-r) Bronna Lipton, Executive Director of Second Chance Toys, JWOWW, Snooki, Channell Wilkins, President/CEO of O.C.E.A.N., Inc. and Head Start Director Meg Saunders.

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. is now accepting 2018 Home Energy (LIHEAP) The Application Deadline Date is April 30, 2018

Calendar of Events

October-December

October 9th Columbus Day - All Head Start Centers, Agency and Corporate Offices are closed.

November 10th Veterans Day - All Head Start Centers, Agency and Corporate Offices are closed.

November 23&24—Thanksgiving All Head Start Centers, Agency and Corporate Offices are closed.

December 25th—Christmas - All Head Start Centers, Agency and Corporate Offices are closed.

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Cyber-Security Awareness-Month at O.C.E.A.N., Inc.

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month at O.C.E.A.N., Inc. which is an annual campaign to raise awareness about cyber-security. We live in a world that is more connected than ever before. The Internet touches almost all aspects of everyone’s daily life.

At the general staff meeting O.C.E.A.N., Inc. staff conducted a cyber awareness session which enlightened employees on cyber-security. Throughout the month, weekly cyber-themed “Don’t Get Hooked” emails were sent to all employees to increase the resiliency of the agency in the event of a cyber incident. Topics included the following:

Types of attacks:
- Phishing
- Spear Fishing
- Network Probe
- Brute Force Cracking
- Ransomware

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start Health Services Department conducted a Health Advisory Meeting which included agency community partners. Topics included childhood obesity, nutrition and health care. It was noted by community health partners that they are seeing more disadvantaged families with children in public schools who are not aware that their Family Care benefits have elapsed or are on the verge of expiration.

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start staff continue to provide families with flyers in both English and Spanish with information reminding them to update paperwork required for benefits.

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O.C.E.A.N., Inc. receives knitted donations from two local organizations thanks to Horizon Foundation of New Jersey

The O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start Enrollment Officer Christine Lach (center) accepts knitted donations from Marlo Sutphin (left) and Rob Maxton (right) of Horizon Foundation. The items were knitted by Harmony Hall Needlers and Somebody Cares Knitting Clubs both of Whiting, NJ. The newly knitted items were distributed to Head Start families at all agency centers. The younger siblings of families who received donations last year continue to use these well-made knitted products which will last into future generations.

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start Parents Participate in ESL Classes and Receive Certificates of Achievement

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start parents participated in O.C.E.A.N., Inc. sponsored ESL classes and celebrated by receiving their certificates of achievement.
To Whom it May Concern:

This is just a little note to show my appreciation for the wonderful job done by the Weatherization Technicians of O.C.E.A.N., Inc. on my trailer. Not only did Neil and his crew do an excellent job but Janet also deserves Kudos for the part she played in assisting me in pulling it all together. Every time I called, she was pleasant and helpful and if I had to leave a message, she was quick in calling me back. Everyone was extremely accommodating. Once again, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,
Theresa Giallouto, Barnegat

Hi Debbie & Other Home Energy Representative:

It was such a blessing to come there to put my application in for Home Energy Program at the Toms River location. Your smiles and kindness can change one persons’ day. It did for me and I wanted to send you this card with gospel. God bless you both.

Sincerely,
Robin

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Sandy Housing Recovery Program

The O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Sandy Housing Recovery Program has served and assisted 1,538 clients as of 9/22/17. The services provided included rental assistance while elevating and reconstruction of the damaged home, transitions of ending rental programs while trying to locate affordable housing, guidance with contractor fraud, police reports, assistance with consumer affairs and how to report bad situations with contractors and foreclosure issues as a result of the storm.

The O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Sandy Housing Recovery Division has worked closely with the Department of Community Affairs and NJHFMA to assist each client to the best of their ability. The staff is very proud of the work they accomplished to those in need.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped make this program possible.

Yours Truly,

Cindy Olson
Lakewood Student Recipient of the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Scholarship

Ms. Daniela Madriz, a student of Lakewood High School is the recipient of the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Board of Directors Scholarship in the amount of $5,000. Ms. Madriz was accepted at numerous colleges and has decided to attend Ocean County College in the Fall of 2017.

During her time at Lakewood High School, she was a member of the National Honors Society and the Spanish National Honors Society with honors in History and English AP. Her community activities included volunteering in after school activities, assisting at church activities, fundraising and participating in activities with special needs children.

Daniela’s ultimate goal is to become a neonatal nurse, a subspecialty of nursing that works with newborn infants born with challenges. “This job is what I have always wanted to do, to work with newborn babies that need help or saving because they cannot help themselves,” said Ms. Madriz. “My educational objectives are to stay focused throughout all years at college where I can study to become the best neonatal nurse to make my family proud and to have a secure future.”

Ms. Madriz’s scholarship was made possible through CSBG grant funding by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. On behalf of the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Board of Trustees and agency staff we wish Daniela the best in her future.

2017 RPIC Region II Conference

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. staff attended the RPIC Conference hosted by NYSCAA, the Community Action Partnership of New Jersey and the Puerto Rico Community Action Association. The event featured key federal and state updates from HHS Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, the National Community Action Partnership, the National Association for State Community Services Programs, and representatives from the Region II Lead State CSBG offices. Topics included ROMA Next Generation, Promising Practices and Innovation in Community Action, Collaborative Regional Training and Technical Assistance and “Lessons from the Road.”  ♦

Discussion Panel from the 2017 Regional Performance and Innovation Consortia (RPIC) Region II Finance, Human Resource and Leadership Conference in New Brunswick, NJ.
New Construction-101 Houston Avenue in Atlantic City

Channell Wilkins, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. President/CEO and Donna Harris of the City of Atlantic City view the newly constructed O.C.E.A.N., Inc. home at 101 Houston Avenue in Atlantic City.

101 Houston Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ

Internship Support at O.C.E.A.N., Inc.

Four Social Service interns and two Finance interns are participating in the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Internship Program by assisting both the agencies Head Start and the Fiscal Departments.

The O.C.E.A.N., Inc. program prepares the interns for employment opportunities with the knowledge and skills necessary for their future educational field. Internships are vital to the success of the intern and their future endeavors in the advancement of their career choice. It also adds value to the agency programs while promoting the excellence of O.C.E.A.N., Inc.’s engagement and involvement with interns overall.

Photo: l-r Channell Wilkins, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. President/CEO, and Interns Vania Salazar, Undergraduate of Stockton University, Christina Halm, MSW of Rutgers University, Caitlin Sedillo, Undergraduate of Kean University, Not Shown in Photo: Mark Palmieri, Undergraduate of Kean University. Linda Davis, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Family Services/Intern Coordinator and Meg Saunders, Head Start Director.

Back Row: Beth Hudson, CFO and Channell Wilkins President/CEO. Front Row: Fiscal Interns l-r Alex Kupecz and Nick Buzzeo, both are Undergraduates at Georgian Court University.
The renowned Dr. James Rosser, Jr., received a standing ovation after providing a high-quality Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) presentation to the staff and faculty at the Middle Township School District's Performing Arts Center in Cape May County, New Jersey. Dr. James "Butch" Rosser, Jr. MD FACS, also known as "Dr. Butch" (as seen on CNN and Fox News) a practicing physician and general surgeon introduced a new innovative STEMM program to the teachers during this presentation.

Dr. "Butch" discussed techniques in preparing future STEMM students for college and careers using real world applications and technology to supplement and compliment the educational curriculum currently being used in the Middle Township School District. He encouraged teachers to go that extra level for their students and introduced Stealth Learning during the Kick-off workshop. Stealth Learning is a scientifically validated brain-based educational methodology that utilizes pop culture icons such as music, film and video games to enhance engagement and increase knowledge and skill transfer. Those in attendance were inspired by Dr. Rosser's words and encouraged for what will lie ahead and the possibilities for the future of their students in the field of science. The new innovative STEMM Program in Cape May County was brought together through a strong commitment from the following community partnerships including Dr. James Rosser, Jr., Stealth Learning, the Middle Township School District, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. and the Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, Inc.

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O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Received In-kind Support from a Good Neighbor

Exelon staff from the Oyster Creek Generating Station and the United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties continue to be very good neighbors while being active in the community as they embarked on a summer clean-up project at the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Child Development Center at the Ocean County College.

At the Head Start Center, volunteers delved into projects including maintenance, indoor painting, power washing, organization of classroom and closet space, cabinet installation, reconstruction and painting of an outdoor picnic table and read stories to the students.

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. truly appreciates the dedicated Exelon and the United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties staff for their hard work by providing O.C.E.A.N., Inc. with their time and materials allowing the agency to use the in-kind as a match to the agency federal Head Start grant.

Their recognition of the needs of the community, the importance of their volunteering and supporting O.C.E.A.N., Inc. are greatly appreciated and they did a great job! The O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Board of Trustees and the administration thank them for the generous donation of their time and we look forward to working with them at future events.

Coming Soon to O.C.E.A.N., Inc.…. “Aquaponics”

O.C.E.A.N., Inc.’s Chris Rosario received his Certificate of Appreciation at the Monthly General Staff Meeting.
O.C.E.A.N., Inc. will be conducting two First Time Homebuyer Workshops on Monday, November 6, 2017 and Monday, November 13, 2017, 6 pm at the Ocean County Planning Department Cafeteria (2nd Floor) 129 Hooper Avenue in downtown Toms River. You must register for these O.C.E.A.N., Inc. First Time Homebuyer events by calling Harriet Westbrook at (732) 288-2614, Ext. 100. Office Hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

To date, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. has conducted 517 First Time Homebuyer Closings since the inception of the program in 1997.

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. is the administrator for the Ocean County Consortium's First-Time Homebuyer program. The program brings together County government agencies with many area lenders including O.C.E.A.N., Inc. in a cooperative effort to increase the opportunity for homeownership among the county's low to moderate income households.

At each workshop, participants receive and utilize worksheets which assist them in calculating their monthly expenses, monthly debt payments, housing priorities, calculating maximum mortgage, lender mortgage rates/fees, pre-application worksheet, maintenance checklist and settlement costs as they move towards their journey to homeownership. Those who do not qualify for the First Time Homebuyer program may decide to utilize other O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Housing Counseling services to obtain assistance in developing a savings plan, repairing and maintaining good credit and budgeting for homeownership.

The First Time Homebuyer workshops conducted in August had over 75 participants in attendance.
O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Implements New Innovative STEMM Program in Cape May County

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In the fall of 2017, teachers in the Middle Township School District will participate in the training course instructed by “Dr. Butch” involving curriculum implementation and syllabus formation of all educational assets and systems.

The course will include the review of all state standards curriculum materials and initial deconstruction for curriculum conversation and will also include lab practicals. This will prepare the teachers to begin instructing/educating the students in the spring of 2018.

Students from the Middle Township School District will participate in the STEMM after school program at the Whitesboro Community Center. The training and execution phase will be divided into weekly sessions.

Part of the selection outcome in addition to school attendance will be the PARCC test to be administered in April, 2018.

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. will meet/exceed benchmarks/performance standards including New Jersey Student Learning Standards of Quality to achieve targeted outcomes and desired performance. These standards give clear and specific benchmarks for student achievements in content areas of STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) and are influenced by national standards, research-based practices and student needs.

Head Start Pre-Service Meetings at OCC

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start staff participated in a 5-day pre-service training which covered a variety of topics including an overview of the agency community assessment, organizational charts, the roles of on-site supervision, supervising and tracking children, HIPAA & FERPA, licensing requirements, Community Resource Directory and Parent Handbook, CACFP training, ERSEA, income eligibility and enrollment, ADA including children with special needs, allergies including food allergies, hygiene procedures, health and sanitation, Megan’s Law, Child Abuse and incident reporting procedures, fire safety, lockdowns, fire drills, evacuations and emergency procedures.

Later in the week, staff were educated on trauma and its effects on children, in-kind and supply ordering procedures, the procedure for reporting facility issues, positive discipline and classroom cleaning procedures.
O.C.E.A.N., Inc. established the FIT Kids – Healthy and Active Living Program for all children at agency Head Start Centers throughout Ocean County. This educational and interactive program focuses on the importance of good nutritional and fitness habits at the earliest stage in a child’s life and targets both the pre-school student and their parents.

“Soccer Shots” staff visited the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Barnegat Head Start Center with a focus on the fitness component of the children. Soccer Shots is a high-energy program aimed at impacting children who live in underserved communities. During their visit to the center, coaches Justin and Vanessa introduced the Barnegat Head Start children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game all of which support their physical and personal development.

The staff of Barnegat Soccer Shots dedicated their time and resources by introducing fun games and positive reinforcement while focusing on the students developmental needs as they experienced the joy of playing soccer and being active. We appreciate their valuable service and dedication to the health and well-being of our students and look forward to future outreach events.

Homelessness on the Rise Among Community College Students

By: K. Miskolcy,

In a national study on the lack of basic needs in higher education, researchers have found an increase in homelessness among community college students. The survey, published by the University of Wisconsin, reveals that 14 percent of students are homeless – a one percent increase since 2015.

Surveying over 33,000 community college students, researchers at the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, examined homelessness housing insecurity, and food insecurity across the country.

Researchers found a direct correlation between homelessness and housing insecurity and malnutrition among students – with one third of those surveyed going hungry. But in an interview with NPR, Sara Goldrick-Rab, the sociologist pioneering the study, claims these results are not restricted to isolated geographical areas.

“Not only did we find challenges of food insecurity and housing insecurity at the less expensive community colleges, we found it at urban schools and rural schools. It’s all over the place,” said Goldrick-Rab.

In a call for a national change in policy, the Wisconsin Hope Lab, along with the Association of Community College Trustees, urges federal and state policy makers to invest in aid programs and create incentives for community colleges to offer benefits across opportunities on their campuses as well as urge community colleges themselves to build partnerships with local housing authorities and implement on campus food pantries, community gardens, and food recovery programs. If you or someone you know is in need of basic needs assistance in the Ocean County area, visit www.oceanresourcenet.org for a list of local food banks or housing.
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