

# FRIENDS Newsletter



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## Grants Available for Accessibility Modifications

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is taking applications from qualified Niagara County homeowners under the Access to Home grant program.

The types of modifications include:

- Ramps, lifts, and other similar measures to permit access to existing residential housing units from the exterior of the building.
- Kitchen and bathroom modifications in existing residential units to provide access to persons with mobility limitations or disabling conditions.
- Interior accessibility modifications to existing residential units that will permit access within the unit for persons with mobility limitations or other disabling conditions.
- Interior modifications that permit use of an existing home by persons with hearing or visual impairments.

The scope of work and amount of financial assistance will be determined by an inspection of the home. Homeowners must meet income eligibility guidelines and other program criteria.

For more information, please call Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s, Rural Preservation Program at 434-4679 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email at ruralpreservaton@verizon.net or fax at 434-4638.

## April is National Fair Housing Month

April is National Fair Housing Month. It is important to note that:



- You have the right to be shown any house or apartment in any location.
- You have the right to be given honest information about price, fees, taxes and other charges to housing.
- You have the right to take possession of, move into, and peacefully live in the residence of your choice.

If you are denied housing in the community of your choice, you are denied access to schools, health services, and other resources of that community.

As Niagara County's Fair Housing Advocate, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc., is available to assist residents in resolving potential discrimination concerns in the area of housing.

Our office is located at the Rose Marra Center, 564—19th Street, Niagara Falls; or call 716-285-6134 and ask for Carol Palumbo.



## The Food Stamp Program



The Food Stamp Program is one of the community's most effective and far-reaching resources to address hunger. In Niagara County there are more than 27,000 individuals who are living in poverty—11,216 of these are children. In spite of the fact that there are 55 food pantries, soup kitchen and shelters throughout Niagara County, hunger continues to be a problem. The Food Stamp Program provides working poor families, senior citizens, those on fixed incomes, and those experiencing income loss with the nutrition needed to remain healthy.

The current income and resource guidelines allow more families to qualify. Please call Niagara Community Action Program, Inc., at 439-1322 for more information and to see if you qualify. The Food Stamp Program strengthens our community by supporting agriculture, food retailers, working families, taxpayers, the health care system and recipients. Please make that phone call now!

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is a countywide agency dedicated to reducing poverty by initiating and conducting programs of self-sufficiency

*"When you need FRIENDS, think of NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC."*

**KUDOS TO:**

- Ability Technologies
- ATT Financial Group
- Belmont Housing Resources for WNY
- Carter's Outlet Children's Wear
- Dennis Stachera
- Dr. Glenda Rose
- Dr. Joseph Marra
- Elizabeth Manuse
- Emmanuel United Methodist Church
- Erick Road School
- Everywoman Opportunity Center
- Fidelis Care New York
- First Niagara Bank
- First Unitarian Universal Church
- Food Shuttle of WNY, Inc.
- Great Lakes Machinery, Inc.
- HDO Retirees Club
- J. George Optical Co. Inc.
- KeyBank
- Key Foundation
- LaSalle Church of Christ
- Lockport Town Hall
- Lockport United Church of Christ
- M & T Bank
- Ms. Bev's Dance Studio
- Ladies Auxiliary of the Navy
- Marine Club
- New York State Community Action Assoc., Inc.
- New York State Dept. of Labor
- Niagara County Headstart
- Niagara County Municipal Clerk's Association
- Niagara Junior Purple Eagles Hockey
- Angelo Onevelo
- Pamela Stevenson
- Palliative Care of Niagara
- Porter Town Democrats
- Rainbow Roller Rink
- Ransomville Speedway
- Riverside Presbyterian Church
- Skateland Roller Rink
- St. James United Methodist Church
- St. Martin Lutheran Church
- St. Peter's Lutheran Church
- N. Ton.
- St. Peter's United Church of Christ
- Town of Niagara
- Sacred Heart Head Start
- Subway - Lockport
- Subway - Military
- Subway - Pendleton
- Subway - Summit Mall
- Subway - Wheatfield
- United Methodist Women of Emmanuel
- United Way of Niagara, Inc.
- Youngstown Seniors

**COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CLEARINGHOUSE**

The Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara is a program that is administered by Niagara Community Action Program, Inc., and federally funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Referrals to registered or licensed child care is provided for parents when they call the Clearinghouse. Child care providers can receive approved training and view teleconferences through the Clearinghouse in order to maintain their license or registration. Applications and inspections for child care providers who are not required by the state to obtain a license or registration are processed through the clearinghouse. Prospective family and group family child care providers who are applying for a license or registration are eligible to receive a start up grant of up to \$500 in items that promote the health, safety and educational well-being of children in care through the Clearinghouse. Registered and licensed family and group family child care providers are also eligible for up to \$300 in health, safety and educational items. For more information on the Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara program, please call 1-800-701-4KID or 716-285-8572.



Pictured from left to right are Chanitra McDougald, Amanda Stephens, and Carol Kelley, all soon to be child care providers. This class is required for persons seeking to become family or group family child care providers.



**DOCTOR WITH A HEART DAY**

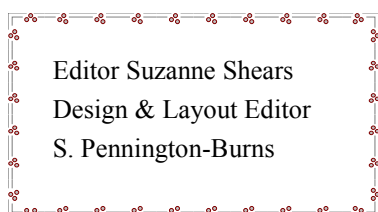
Dr. Glenda Rose and staff of Rose Chiropractic in Lewiston held their 20th Annual Doctor with a Heart Day on February 13, 2010.

Chiropractic adjustments and examinations were exchanged for donations of 2,875 pounds of food collected to benefit the Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s, food pantry. That is more than a ton of food—a new record for Doctor with a Heart Day.

With the economic crisis, there is a need now more than ever to make sure the food pantries stay full. A big THANK YOU to all who helped make this year a huge success. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Pictured from left to right are Carol Palumbo, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc., and Dr. Glenda Rose of Rose Chiropractic.

.....AND THE MANY GENEROUS PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT OUR AGENCY'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 8, 2010**—National Association of Letter Carrier's Annual Letter Carrier Food Drive—Donations are gratefully accepted for this worthwhile cause.

**July 19, 2010**—Angel Cup Golf Challenge—Donations are gratefully accepted for this worthwhile cause.