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Agency Mission and CAP Promise

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

CAP Promise: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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Dear Gene,

The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about our successes and struggles as we serve a Gateway to Community Action in Partnership with others for everyone's benefit!

NYU "Break Away" Students Visit Gateway

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NYU students volunteer at Paulsboro Head Start.

PAULSBORO - Gateway Community Action Partnership has run the Break Away alternative spring break program since 1999, hosting approximately 500 students from 25 colleges and universities nationwide. And every time, Gateway and the students are better for the experience.

Over the years, community service-minded students have done everything from working with children in child care to beautifying Gateway with murals and other projects. In turn, the students gain the educational benefits of being exposed to various cultures and the day-to-day operations of a Community Action Agency.

Students from New York University visited Gateway's Paulsboro Head Start in November 2011, and decorated the walls with artwork that included seasonal collages and inspirational sayings.

"We are very proud of our Break Away program and look forward to the visits from the students of the many colleges and universities that participate," said Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO. "Our Break Away program is a great learning experience for the students and the Gateway staff and clients."

Tambria Swift, who was Paulsboro's site director during the visit but is now Gateway's Early Head Start Education Specialist, said she was "in awe" of the students' dedication to community services and inspired by their spirit.

"It really gives you a feeling of hope when you see young people such as the NYU students giving up their free time to help others," Swift said.

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Gateway Community Action Partnership is pleased to announce that it has been selected as an official partner of **Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids**, an annual giving program from Payless ShoeSource. Gateway is among 700 charitable agencies representing all 50 states in the United States, as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and 11 Latin American countries. Gateway will be distributing coupons for children's shoes to the families in our community. "This will help the children

and their families in our community," said Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO. "The distribution of the coupons fits with our mission "to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency." This is the fourth year of the Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids program. "With unemployment still so high, the success of the program, and the number of children we have been able to help, drive our efforts," said LuAnn Via, CEO of Payless ShoeSource. ... The **Gateway Loan Program**, which is a helping hand fund to assist low-income clients in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties facing short-term financial difficulties, is seeking participants. Gateway Loan arranges small loans for income-eligible families who may be unable to obtain a traditional bank loan. Loans range from \$250 to \$500 and are repayable within six months. ... Gateway's Holly City Family Success Center is conducting a **Holiday Toy Drive** and is accepting new, unwrapped toys at the center on or before Dec. 12. Call 856-765-0205 for more information. ... Gateway Community Action Partnership's Head Start program is once again sponsoring the **Child Care Food Program**. This program is designed to provide meals to children receiving services in Head Start centers located throughout Mercer, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 and under enrolled in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.



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Sincerely,

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