



Haverstraw Center News

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Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center

Special points of interest:

- HAVERSTRAW CENTER offers many programs free of charge
- COUNSELING for help with: alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, family problems, boyfriends/girlfriends, school
- RECREATION and homework help
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- SUMMER CAMP



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IT'S IN THE BAG

People to People and the Haverstraw Center are working together to assure that kids who benefit from school breakfast and lunch programs during the week are provided with food for the weekend.

What's [In the Bag](#)?

In the Bag, in its second year, is a People to People program that supplies weekend "goody bags" to kids who participate in Haverstraw Center programs. Many, if not most of the kids involved in Haverstraw Center programs are also enrolled in the subsidized breakfast and lunch program offered at all schools. The subsidized breakfast and lunch program is a vital

source of nutrition for many of our kids—Monday through Friday. But what about Saturday and Sunday? Schools are closed but our kids still need breakfast and lunch.

So What's Going [In the Bag](#)?

The [In the Bag](#) "weekend goody bags" will be filled with enough food items for two breakfasts, lunches and snacks as well as beverages including fruit juice, water or shelf-stable milk for each child.

Want to Get [In the Bag](#) ?

If you are interested in providing your child or children with what's [In the Bag](#) , please complete the [In the Bag](#) enrollment form.

Please be advised that there are income eligibility requirements that must be met and documents—including the first page of your IRS 1040 form—that must be provided in order to participate in this program.

For more information about [In the Bag](#) , contact Frankie Vazquez at the Haverstraw Center, 845.429.5731 ext 15. [In the Bag](#) enrollment forms are available in the Haverstraw Center lobby or see below.



IT'S IN THE BAG ENROLLMENT FORM

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
List names and ages of children who will receive meals (must live in the North Rockland school district and be of school age):	
I have attached the first page of my IRS 1040 Form. I have been made aware that my personal information will be kept strictly confidential.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	_____
Date:	_____

MONTHLY YOUTH CELEBRATION "Caught Being Good"

Thanksgiving

Haverstraw Center
Thanksgiving Dinner and
Monthly Youth Celebration
Wednesday,
November 26, 2014
After school
(By invitation only)



Donations accepted until
Friday, November 21, 2014

**Haverstraw Center
Highlights**

- Prevention Counseling Services
- Monthly Youth Celebration
- Caught Being Good Recognition
- Straight to the Top
- After School Homework Help
- Girls' Clubs
- Girls' Circle
- Boys' Clubs
- IMPACT
- LifeSkills Program
- Teen Intervene
- Teen Advisory
- Teen Group
- Strengthening Families Program
- Self-Expressions
- Girl Scouts
- Haverstraw Community Garden
- Haverstraw Collaborative
- Summer Camp
- Recreation
- Adult basketball
- Project S.H.I.F.T.
- A Call to Action
- Anger Management
- Unity in the Community
- Focus Study Groups: Hunger, Teen Pregnancy, Immigration, Community Health Issues
- MORE!!**

The Monthly Youth Celebration took place on Wednesday October 22nd. This event includes recognition of those youth who have been "Caught Being Good" at the Haverstraw Center as well as birthdays celebrated in October. Frankie Vazquez cooked a huge "vat" of simmering chili which was served with chips and enjoyed by all. Youth volunteers helped to serve and clean up. Open Arms sent volunteers to help set up.

October 22nd is also noted as Unity Day; a day to reflect on bullying and the youth completed a linked orange paper chain that visually represents the power of uniting for a common cause. The message is this: "While one person can speak out against bullying, our message is much stronger when we come together to make a difference."

A cake was also served to offer good wishes to staff member Peggy Koval on her retirement.

Each time a youth is nominated for "Caught Being Good", his/her name is placed in the hat for a drawing of prizes. Most months the prizes are \$10.00 gift certificates to McDonald's in hopes that the youth will make healthy choices when they redeem their prize. Sometimes the prize is a donation from a local business and some months the Town of Haverstraw makes a generous donation of tickets to

one of their Youth Board sponsored trips.

This month the nominees are:

October 2

Demian Alarçon, Leopaldo Bautista, Carmen Gil, Alexander Gomez, Liliana Gomez, Edison Henriquez, Allison Hernandez, Ariel Infante, Edwendy Lopez, Jarisa Marte, Essence May, Valenti Mendez, Jendry Pena, Gabriela Perez, Kiara Polanco, Melissa Quinones, Lesley Ramos, Laura Ravel, Bryan Taveras, Wanda Taveras, Luis Tejada, Arielis Vega, Kimani Vega

October 9

Christopher Blanco, Kazlyn G, Carmen Gil, Liliana Gomez, Louis Gomez, Allison Hernandez, Lesley Ramos, Angelica Sanchez, Chris Sand, Wanda Taveras, Cindy Vargas

October 16

Anisette Bourdierd, Brian Molina, Leyti Nbiaya, Kenie Nazario, Gabriela Perez, Greicy Santana, Sabrina Taveras, Saivion Veillard

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday to Staff Members, Interns & Special Volunteer:



Kevin Jones, Tanya Soto, Myriam Saravia, Marlene Sanon

Strengthening Families Program

The fall Strengthening Families Program will complete this cycle on November 6th and nine families will be presented with certificates of completion. The sessions focus on a variety of activities for the parents, youth and family.

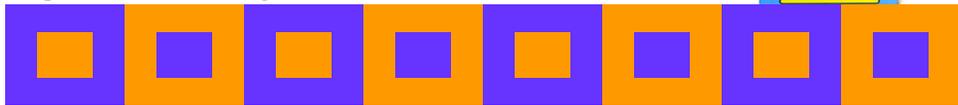
Each session begins with the family eating together. The youth then participate in specific activities while the parent(s) gain tips on love and limits. The families then come back together for reinforcement of the skills learned.

The FREE program is for parents and youth ages 10—14 and includes free dinner and free babysitting for younger siblings. Watch for the announcement of the Spring session. Call 845.429.5731 to be placed on the waiting list.

YOUTH CREED
"We are strong young people with a great future. We are making good decisions, so we reach our goals."

PARENT CREED
"We are strong & caring parents who show love & set limits. We are helping our kids become responsible young adults."

FAMILY CREED
"We are strong families who care about each other and have fun together."



Peggy's Farewell

As I complete my final issue of the Haverstraw Center Newsletter it gives me pause to think about all of the wonderful people I have met, the children I have had the pleasure to interact with and the community I loved to serve. I began my employment with the Village of Haverstraw on January 2, 2000 as a temporary part-time employee. By February of 2007, I was ready to embrace a new facet of my career as the administrative assistant to the newly formed Department of Youth and Family Services. I believe I had found my niche—I had always wanted to be a missionary and discovered that I could serve right here at home. From running the farmers' market for many years, to coordinating the community garden, volunteering my services in other community directed activities such as Girl Scouts, to running girls groups, chairing the Senior, Senior Prom and Breakfast, typing minutes, letters, this newsletter, running evidence-based programs, gambling workshops, making salad and coming up with the inspiration for Collaborative meetings and reporting to NYS, I found a true purpose and satisfaction in my life. Through encouragement by my family, support from my boss and inspiration from my friends at the Haverstraw Collaborative, I finally graduated from Empire State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community and Human Services. From the work I performed at the Center and the additional training offered to me I was able to obtain my credentialing in alcohol and substance abuse counseling (CASAC) and found it rewarding to offer my knowledge in the groups that I led and the individuals I counseled. This is a bittersweet moment. While I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, I know I will miss those who I have had the pleasure of meeting on my journey. Thank you for the wonderful opportunities.

Peggy A. Koval

SENIOR, SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Haverstraw Collaborative sponsored its first annual Senior, Senior Breakfast at the Virgin Mary and St. Pachomius Church in Stony Point on Friday, October 17th. The Church is the newest member of the Haverstraw Collaborative and offered to host this breakfast which featured a panel discussion of services available to the senior population. Included on the panel were R.S.V.P., Meals on Wheels, Triad (Reducing Crime Against Seniors) and the Alzheimer's Association. Peggy Koval, Tim Sanders and Dina Nejman coordinated this event with Nadine Saddick of the church community and are very grateful to all participants, especially the youth who helped to set up, serve and clean up.



*George Wood, Triad
Debra Kagan-Birkeland, LMSW,
Alzheimer's Association
Sharon Martini,
Meals on Wheels
Susan Ball, R.S.V.P.*



HAVERSTRAW COLLABORATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The Haverstraw Collaborative consists of agencies who meet the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM to discuss issues and ideas that affect the North Rockland Community and the Village of Haverstraw in particular. The Haverstraw Collaborative was founded in 2001 for the purpose of all community-based organizations serving the children, youth, elders, adults and families of Haverstraw to meet monthly in a spirit of non-partisanship and cooperation which is reflected in the Mission Statement.

The October agenda included a warm welcome by Collaborative Chair and director of the Haverstraw Center Marion E. Breland to the 40 members

in attendance. Two presentations were offered. Michelle Murray spoke about the Care Management Program offered at Jawonio that assist Medicaid recipients in staying healthy, navigating the system and maintaining independence. The long awaited video describing the role of the Rockland County Department of Social Services plays in Children and Family Services was presented by Linda McMullan with great pride and was warmly received. Subcommittees on Immigration Advocacy, Drug Prevention, Food and Nutrition, the Senior, Senior Breakfast, Parental Involvement and Teen Pregnancy gave their updates.

As the concluding agenda item, agencies offered up-

dates and planned events.

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, November 5, 2014 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM at the Haverstraw Center. The Teen Pregnancy Subcommittee will meet immediately afterwards, also at the Center. Please call 845.429.5731 x 17 to confirm your attendance.

The Rockland County YMCA, a partner with the Haverstraw Center and a Haverstraw Collaborative member announced that they will be honoring YMCA Board Member Peggy A. Koval, Rockland County District Attorney Tom Zugibe and Active International Senior Director Joe Allen at their NIGHT OF MAGIC (*Making A Genuine Impact on Children*) scholarship dinner on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Nyack Seaport in Nyack, NY. Call 845.358.0245 for tickets and information.

Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center

SAVE THE DATE!

**11/16/14
Storytelling
Festival
1:30—4:30
PM**

**RC YMCA
Night of Magic
11/20/2014**

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Marion E. Breland, Director Youth & Family Services



The Haverstraw Center Mission Statement

The Haverstraw Center serves all residents of the Village of Haverstraw by providing and hosting high-quality, comprehensive services for youth, families, adults and elders, promoting the health, safety, and well-being of community residents of all ages, and raising the quality of life for all people of our diverse community in a spirit of non-partisanship and cooperation.

We're on the WEB!
http://www.voh-ny.com/dept_youth.htm



November Special Events and Notable Days
11/1 All Saint's Day
11/2 Daylight Savings Time ends
11/4 Election Day VOTE!!
(Center closed for activities, but POLL is open)
11/5 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
11/5 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 3—6 PM
11/5 Parent's Group
11/6 Strengthening Families (session #6)
11/11 Veteran's Day (Center closed to honor Veteran's)
11/13 Sadie Hawkins Day
11/14 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
11/17 World Peace Day
11/16 RC Storytelling Festival 1:30—4:30 PM
11/20 Great American Smokeout
11/26 Thanksgiving Luncheon and Monthly Youth Celebration
11/27 THANKSGIVING (Center closed)
11/28 Center closed
NOVEMBER CELEBRATES:
Aviation History Month
Child Safety Protection Month
National Adoption Awareness Month
National Epilepsy Month
Native American Heritage Month

Haverstraw Center Schedule/NOVEMBER

(Subject to change)

Location	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Computer Room	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Game Room	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Multi-purpose Room	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM—9:30 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Salvation Army 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Gymnasium	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Adult Basketball 7:00 PM—10:00 PM	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM JUMP 6:00 PM—7:30 PM	College Basketball 12:00 PM—2:00 PM Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Salvation Army 6:00 PM—8:00 PM 35 & Over Basketball 8:00 PM—10:00 PM	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Adult Basketball 7:00 PM—9:00 PM	College Basketball 12:00 PM—2:00 PM Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	SATURDAY Sharp Shooting Academy Co-ed Middle School Youth 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon Steve's Basketball 12:00 Noon—2:30 PM
Conference Room		Clinical Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM	RCDOH Health Insurance Assistance 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM		
Group Room	Tween Anger Management 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Project SHIFT Anger Management 5:00 PM—6:30 PM	Girl Scouts 3:30 PM—4:45 PM (Girls ages 8—15)	Project S.H.I.F.T. 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Girls' Circle Fieldstone Girls 3:00 PM—4:45 PM	High School Teen Group 2:30 PM—4:00 PM	Boys' Life Skills 11—14 3:15 PM—5:00 PM	
Art Room					Sewing Club by So You 3:30 PM—5:30 PM	
Kitchen				It's In the Bag 4:30 PM—6:00 PM		
Counseling Room	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	
Other			Smoker's Aftercare	Butts Out		

