MOREAU COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER  SPRING/SUMMER 2019

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A NOTE
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My daughters like to say, “Mom, you know everyone!” when we are out and somebody speaks to me. Well, I don’t know everyone, but I am privileged to be connected to so many people in our community through our partnerships and collaborations at the Moreau Community Center. Most recently, I have been part of an initiative through the South Glens Falls School District focusing on Mental Health. So often, when something with one of our kids and their families goes awry, we blame the school district, the parents, etc. Promoting good mental health needs to be a community-wide effort. There is still an unfortunate stigma associated with discussions surrounding mental health, but it is one we can all take part in dismantling.

Over the next several months, you will be hearing more from the work groups that make up the Mental Health Task Force. I encourage you as parents, business-owners, or other community factions to find out about how you can get involved where you can. It may sound cliched, but it truly does take a village to make our community and its kids the best they can be.

Donna C. Nichols / Executive Director

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The word “inclusion” is embedded in our mission statement for a reason. We have several groups of individuals with disabilities who come to the Center on a weekly basis to volunteer and to be included along with everyone else in the community. We have representatives from AIM Services, Living Resources, CWI, Saratoga Bridges, and the Silver Team from Oliver Winch Middle School who lend their time to assist with our backpack program, food pantry bags, cleaning, news-letters, Thrift Store tasks, Summer Lunch Bunch delivery and anything else that needs doing.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals and the support staff that accompany them for their great spirit of volunteerism and their enthusiasm. Many connections have been made between the staff at Moreau Community Center, the seniors and other volunteers who are in the building, and our individuals. Meaningful relationships and connection is the essence of inclusion.
Fawn Howe-Pearson

Everything starts somewhere, and Fawn’s association with the Community Center started with trips. Her favorite was an overnight to Thousand Islands. From there, she got involved with the Crafters, learning how to make umbrellas. As connections and relationships grew, Fawn then started volunteering at Bingo, helping to buy Christmas gifts for sponsored families during the holidays, and working in the craft store. Fawn loves the interaction and enjoys helping others. In her spare time, Fawn is an avid gardener, reader, and jigsaw puzzler.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
- Winston Churchill

“The Story of Us”

The Moreau Community Center is truly a community center, striving to meet the multi-generational needs of the greater South Glens Falls & Moreau communities in a compassionate and inclusive environment. We are committing to sharing our story in a way that reaches more people and replaces that confusion with certainty that we are here to serve all people.

“The Story of Us” is going to help you get to know us better. Join us on this new adventure, including first-hand accounts of volunteers, staff, donors, community members, etc., sharing what the Center means to them, to the community. Follow along with the multi-part series of a fictitious family and how the Center is interwoven into the fabric of the North Country. Reach out to us, share your stories of the Center! Help us shout out from the rooftops the greatness that is the Moreau Community Center.

We are proud to work with many worthy organizations within our community!

Saratoga County WIC
At the Moreau Community Center. Dates and appointments: Call (518) 587-8848
Memorial Day PARADE & COOKOUT!

Annual Town-wide Garage Sale!
Village of South Glens Falls & Town of Moreau

Saturday June 1st, 2019 Vendors: 8am - 5pm
Center Food Booth will be open: 10am - 3pm
Sunday June 2nd, 2019 Vendors: 8am - 3pm

NEW CHANGES THIS YEAR TO MAKE IT BIGGER AND BETTER!!!
We are NOT accepting donation at the Center this year...
PLEASE DO NOT drop off your items at the Center

VENDORS/INDIVIDUALS
Have things for sale? Set up your own space and sell your items. Spaces (inside & out) will be rented on a first come first serve basis, so get your reservation in early. Contact Kelly or Gloria at the Center for details. 518-792-6007-ext. 16

Paul Schultz Memorial Golf Tournament
8th Annual

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH, 2019
New Games, New Fun, All For Chari-tee!
Queensbury Country Club
907 State Route 149, Lake George, NY 12845
For Details Call Kelly: (518) 792-6007 ext. 16

Presenting Sponsor:
MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE & COOKOUT!

Cookout: Friday, May 24th 4pm - 6pm
The Moreau Community Center, 144 Main St.

Join us for a BBQ cookout and enjoy some time together as a community before the Annual SGF Memorial Day Parade at 6pm!

Celebrate Memorial Day with a home-town parade and ceremony! The parade will begin at 6pm starting at the corner of Main Street and William Street and continue down Main Street, right in front of your great seats at the Moreau Community Center, and then on to the Village Triangle Park.

COMMUNITY TRIP
THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
IN NEW YORK CITY!

Monday, July 29TH
Open to all ages!
Residents of South Glens Falls & Moreau: Sign up Thursday, April 25th at 10am! If you cannot be present, call Jeanne at 518-792-6007, ext. 13. Residents of all other areas: Call to sign up Friday, April 26th at 8am!

WE’RE GOING GREEN-ER!
We’ve invested a lot of time into making our website, our social media, and digital footprint bigger and more interactive. The goal is to reduce the amount of paper we’re using for mailings and other communications. We encourage you to follow us on social media, check out our website, and sign up for email updates and digital version of our newsletter!

www.moreaucommunitycenter.org

BINGO!
EVERY THURSDAY
St. Michaels Church: 80 Saratoga Ave. SGF

$1,400 prize give-a-way!
2 Split Pot Games | Progressive Game | Bell Jar
Doors & Snack Bar open at 5pm
BINGO starts at 6:30pm
18+ Only | House Rules

SEPTEMBER 7TH
10:00AM – 6:00PM
Cooper’s Cave Park, SGF
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Building on our previous years’ success, come and enjoy delicious food, awesome vendors, DJ DuBray, Live Music (3-6pm), raffles, games for all ages, and demonstrations on stage #2

Sponsors & Vendors reserve your space NOW!
Summer Lunch Bunch

Providing bagged lunches to kids in need!
Sponsor a child for one lunch: $4.00
Sponsor a child for the FULL 10 weeks: $200
Volunteers are needed as well!

Contact the Center for details:
(518) 792-6007 ext. 16

Camp Moreau
Camp Moreau at Harrison Elementary will start its 10th season Monday, July 1st. In 2018 196 joined us for summer fun including weekly field trips, Friday Beach Day, arts and crafts, sports, recreational activities, and much more. Entire summer or by the week packages, sibling discounts and scholarships for one week or more are available.

Applications available at the Center or online at: www.moreaucommunitycenter.org/programs/youth

Pre-school
At The Moreau Community Center
“We have sent all 3 of our children here and would not think of sending them anywhere else”

Our Pre-school Offers:
- Half-day programs
- 3 days a week for 3-4 year olds
- 2 days a week for 2-3 year olds

August tours & meet the teachers available.
“Back to School”: meeting September 4th.
First day of school: September 6th.
April Open House: Tuesday 9th or Thursday 18th from 9:30 - 11:30.
Call Jennifer Smith @ 518-792-6007 ext 15

Kids Korner
A safe, activity-oriented, certified program for before and/or after school! Currently 200+ students enjoy affordable programs at all of the SGF Elementary Schools.
Open Enrollment!
2019 BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program at the Moreau Community Center is part of a nationwide drive to help alleviate child hunger by providing hungry children with food to sustain them throughout the weekend. In 2018, our program dispensed over 4800 backpacks equaling 14,400 meals to students identified in our S.G.F. School District. In 2019, the South High Marathon Dance has chosen to fully fund this vital program at $25,000, allowing us to continue making a dent in childhood hunger in our community. Partnerships like these are the backbone of a strong community. THANK YOU SHMD!

2019 BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

In 2018, 40 children (K-5) were supplied backpacks, paper, pencils, crayons, etc. $30.00 Walmart gift card for clothing and shoes, all because of you!

NEEDED: backpacks, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, markers, & monetary donations. Recipient applications available after July 2, 2019 Application Deadline - Aug. 9, 2019

MAYBASKETS!

... not just for May Day anymore ...

These handmade beauties make a great gift for St. Patrick's Day, Valentine’s Day, Wedding & Baby Showers, Easter, and party favors!

Hand made by the Moreau Community Center 60+ volunteers! Interested in joining in the creative fun? Stop by any Tuesday until May at 9am!

Small Baskets: $1.00
Regular Baskets: $1.50
Lace Umbrellas: $5.00
Everybody needs a little... Moore Yoga!

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The mission of the Moreau Community Center is to meet the multi-generational needs of the community in a compassionate and inclusive environment.