August 2019 News Report

Mission: To serve every prekindergarten student and family with excellence as the standard.

Vision: To serve our community and enhance the lives of preschool students and families by delivering the highest quality education in a culture of dedication, collaboration, and learning.

CELEBRATIONS & COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to **Christine Englund**, Family Advocate Extraordinaire! Three years ago, Christine set a goal to provide one book per school month for each of the 57 children she serves at **Saturn.** During that first year, using a combination of donations and her own personal funds, she distributed 57 books. Last year she distributed 342 books across 6 months, and this year, with the help of donations and pledges, she hopes to distribute 513 books across 9 months. Additionally, she will be providing parents with books during one of her family meetings. One of the donors to Christine's efforts was none other than **Mercer Mayer**, noted children's book author and illustrator. Mercer provided 60 assorted titles from his *Little Critter* series. Christine feels that these books provide an opportunity for students to make connections, "Little Critter is a friend that will always be there whenever one of our Head Start children opens their book."

Karen Rousseau presented her signature series, **Beyond Couponing,** to the women of Genesis House. Genesis House serves homeless women and their children, who are either working or in school, in a residential model of support. Karen creates a welcoming atmosphere and invites comments, questions and feedback. She understands the needs of families living on fixed incomes. She addresses how to strategically manage resources so that all families can enjoy an occasional dinner out, movie night, or special event. (See sidebar to navigate to *Karen's Monthly Menu Ideas*). According to the women of Genesis House, *"Karen was amazing and very informative!" "I would love a Part 2!" "Excellent program, Karen gave me several pointers."*

FEDERAL REVIEW: FOCUS AREA 2 & CLASS

The review allows us to demonstrate our effectiveness in implementing a high-quality program to promote positive outcomes and school readiness for children and families.

- **Both FA2 & CLASS observations will be completed this year**
- **We will receive a 60-day notification prior to the review**
- **Coaches will provide ongoing training and monitoring to support classroom teams**
- **Reviewers will visit classrooms, chat with teachers, and discuss classroom data such as GOLD & BDI**
- **Teachers will share how they align School Readiness Goals with the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (HSELOF), State Standards, GOLD and Creative Curriculum**
- **CLASS observations will occur in all/most classrooms**
- **CLASS observation data will only be shared at the *program level* (individual, classroom scores will not be shared).**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tammy Aiken has an ongoing partnership with Kathy Phillips, owner of *Kathy's Quilts* in Titusville. Kathy's customers craft lovely quilts as donations to Head Start students. The children are given a nap time quilt on the first day of school. After using them all year long, they take them home in May. The quilts become a warm and practical gift for a lifetime. Tammy is grateful for the support offered by Kathy's customers, "When I stopped by Kathy's Quilts to give her a thank-you card, Kathy told me that she already had 39 quilts ready for August! What a wonderful blessing!"

This unique and inspiring collaboration will be featured on **Channel 13 News, Hometown Heroes** on August 12.

UP AND COMING

Open House/Orientation Completion by August 31

Pedestrian Safety Completion by September 17

BDI Screening Completion by September Oct.2

Navigate to:
Karen Rousseau's Monthly Menu Ideas:
Board Website>Top ribbon, Parents & Staff>Under "H", Head Start>Left side>Couponing
Cost Effective, Nutritional Meals!

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