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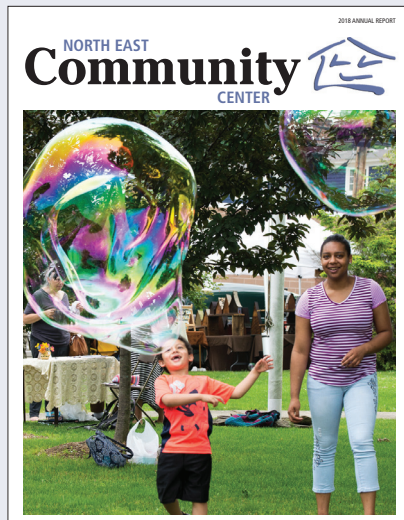




OUR MISSION:

The North East Community Center seeks to build a healthy, caring, responsive and welcoming community for all who live and visit here. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen community through social service, educational, cultural and recreational programs for toddlers through seniors.

For more information please visit: www.neccmillerton.org or contact: North East Community Center, 51 South Center Street, P.O. Box 35, Millerton, NY 12546. 518-789-4259.



ON THE COVER:

Emma and her son Caleb, alumna and current participant in the After School Connections program at the Millerton Farmers Market, cavorting with bubbles. Photo: Olivia Valentine Markonic.

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To our many Friends and Supporters,

It is with great enthusiasm and pride that we send you this Report for 2017. It's an exciting time at the North East Community Center – transitions are underway. Our long-term Executive Director, Jenny Hansell, left us in January for a new position. We held a great farewell party for her, and it was very gratifying to see so many members of our community come by to wish her well. We are fortunate that, since Jenny's departure, the NECC has been headed by an experienced Interim Executive Director, Jennifer Dowley, former President of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. She is directing our committed staff until the Board appoints a new permanent director. We're hard at work on that search, and are determined to find just the right visionary leader to carry the Community Center forward.

This annual report gives you a picture of our various programs serving people of all ages in our village, town and region. You'll also see the list of the many generous individuals, foundations and companies who have made donations during our past fiscal year: October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. It is our way to thank and recognize you for the critical support you have given the NECC this year. We're pleased to report that FY 2017 achieved a new level in donations and saw the establishment of a permanent endowment fund.

NECC programs are bursting at the seams. The after-school program for children K – 8 held at Webutuck School is fully subscribed. We have so many toddlers and their parents visiting the Center on Mondays and Fridays that they have to reserve a spot ahead of time to keep us within our legal adult/child and space limits.

We've just added two new vans to our transportation "fleet." One helps us serve our seniors and clients with disabilities travelling to medical appointments. The other takes our teens on field trips, college visits and delivers them to work programs and internships during the summer.

Our tax preparation staff and trained, expert volunteers have recently completed preparing and filing 2017 tax returns for nearly 400 families at no charge.

The Farmers Market is about to return every Saturday to the village center with fresh, locally grown food. Through generous funders and our long connection to farmers, we are able to have teens work on farms as well as purchase and distribute fresh produce to our local food pantries. This summer the NECC will serve over 3,500 free breakfasts and lunches to children in July and August.

The NECC continues to move forward at full capacity and in cooperation with our Village, Town, School District and local merchants. Our foundation is solid and we are all very much looking forward to having our next Executive Director guide the Community Center to doing even more.

I hope to see all of you at the Farmers Market and the Chef and Farmer's Brunch on July 29th – our biggest fundraiser of the year. And last but not least, thank you for all you do for the Center...doing for us means doing for your community!

Warm regards,

Christine Bates
Chair, Board of Directors

Meet some of our donor heroes:



Photo: Laurie Spens

"I am pleased to include the NECC in my will. It's important to me to leave a legacy that sustains this wonderful community that I am so proud to be a part of."
 – Louise Lindenmeyr,
 Salisbury, CT, Founder and
 Co-Chair of the Advisory
 Board



"I spent a lot of time at the NECC as a kid and as a teen. A great experience for me! I am glad that the NECC is still here for our community. I am honored as a businessman to be able to pay it forward by volunteering to paint at the center."
 – Jeffrey Dunlavey, Jr., owner of 3M Painting
 & Restoration, Millerton, NY



Photo: Laurie Spens

"I'm a fan of NECC!"
 – Justin and William Beeber,
 Ancramdale, NY



Photo: Laurie Spens

"My sister and I believe in supporting the long term growth of the Community Center so that's why we are pleased to have made a gift to its endowment."
 – Irene Banning, Pine Plains,
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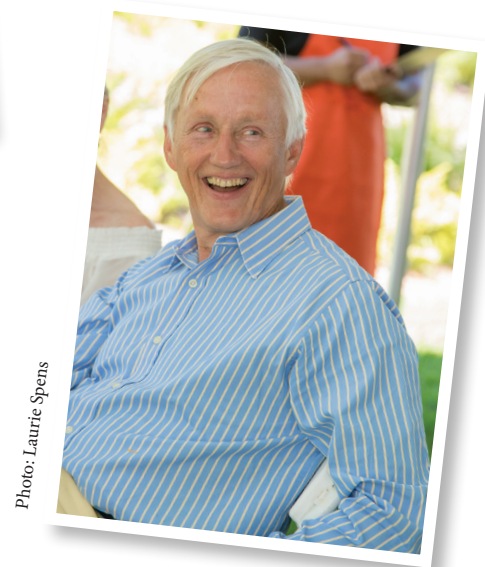


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"I support NECC because it is by far the best bang for the buck."
 – Willem de Vogel,
 North East, NY

The many ways that we help the community:

DID YOU KNOW?

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We drove 200 seniors and people with disabilities 2700 times over 60,000 miles to medical appointments last year.

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In 2018 we will pay \$60,000 to 35 teenagers from Webutuck School to work with local businesses, learn professional skills, and save money for college.

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In 2017 we prepared 400 tax returns at no cost and secured \$500,000 in federal refunds and \$140,000 in state refunds for community residents!

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In 2017 we purchased 7,700 pounds of fruit and vegetables, 480 dozen eggs, and 240 gallons of milk from local farms to distribute to four area food pantries.

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Our community support program prevented five families from being evicted, six families from losing their utility service, and provided 35 households with assistance for heating bills.

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Each week more than 13 toddlers from nine surrounding towns come to the Community Center twice a week to build language and literacy skills through cooperative and imaginative play.

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55 Webutuck families have the comfort of knowing that their 75 children are provided a safe, healthy, and creative environment in our After School Connections Program. It's so popular that we are maxed out!



DIAL-A-RIDE

Dale Brown, Dial-A-Ride driver, taking a senior to a nearby medical appointment.
Photo: Amy Truax.



TEEN TEAM

Webutuck teens on Spring Break with our staff experiencing the joys of New York City, many for the first time. This day it was the Alice in Wonderland sculpture in Central Park!



TEEN INTERNSHIPS

Teens hired as interns to prepare and distribute 3500 free breakfasts and lunches to local children during July and August. Photo: Laurie Spens.



TAX AIDE PROGRAM

Tully, a trained volunteer in the Tax Aide Program preparing state and federal tax returns for one of nearly 380 area residents this year. Photo: Amy Truax.



SENIOR EXERCISE

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, seniors have a low impact exercise program. Photo: Amy Truax.





THE FARMERS MARKET

Some of the delicious locally grown produce available in our year-round Farmers Market located in the center of Millerton.
Photo: Olivia Valentine Markonic.



FOOD PANTRY

Every year, the Center purchases 480 dozen eggs from local farms and delivers them to food pantries from July to February.
Photo: Olivia Valentine Markonic.

TODDLER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Toddlers engaged in creative and stimulating play at our Toddler programs on Monday and Friday mornings, top photo. In the middle and bottom photos, Sheila DePaola, Coordinator of our Toddler Programs, reading to a happy 3 year old and playing guitar and singing to youngsters.

Photos, top to bottom: Sheila DePaola, Jenny Hansell, Julianna Kreta.

AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Kindergarten through 3rd graders enjoying the winter during After School Connections at Webutuck, top photo. 7th and 8th graders preparing a soup for the Empty Bowls project. The students made ceramic bowls, filled them with home-made soup and then sold them, giving the proceeds to Doctors Without Borders and the Webutuck Community Garden. Local potters donated bowls for this event, and local farmers brought soup ingredients, middle photo. Jan Brooks, our After School Connections Director, providing homework support to a Webutuck 4th grader, bottom photo.

Photos, top to bottom: Olivia Valentine Markonic, Olivia Valentine Markonic, Jenny Hansell.



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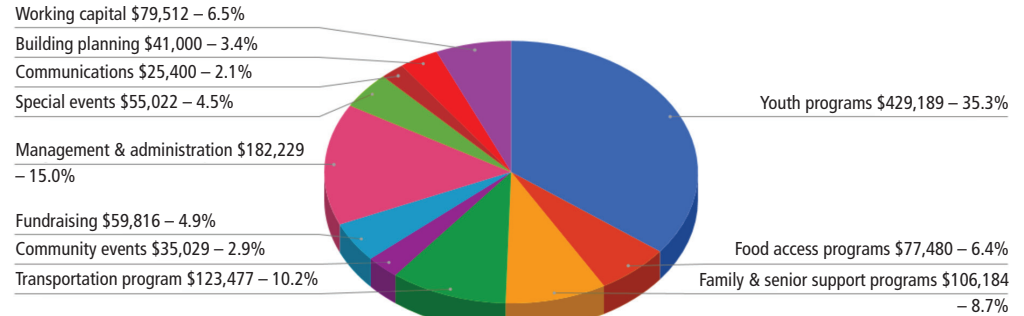
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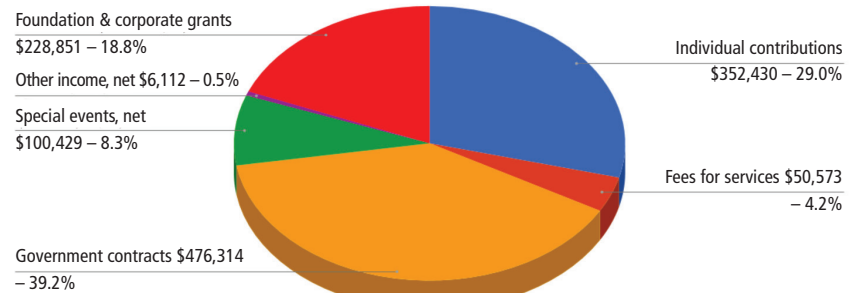
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7th and 8th graders work with Mark Stonehill from Full Circus Farm cultivating the Webutuck Community Garden as part of After School Connections.
Photo: Ivana Powers.

