

Dear Friends:

On the walls of the board room in our administrative offices are

framed photos and biographies of people who embody the spirit of achievement, promise and success that is community action. People who overcame the odds through hard work, dedication and yes, some help from Gateway Community Action Partnership and other caring individuals and agencies.

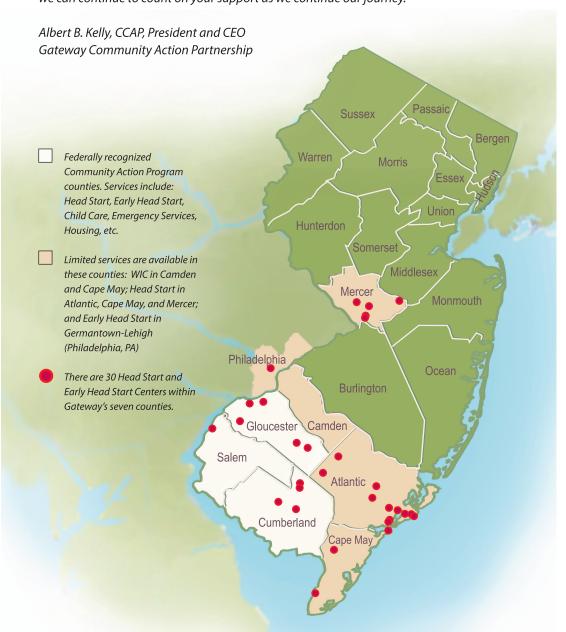
Their stories and paths to our "Gateway to Success" wall are varied. The common thread that binds our success stories is their willingness to embrace and embody the agency's mission to improve their lives and become self-sufficient.

The stories are as uplifting as they are unique. One of our success stories involves a high school dropout who became a teen mother and homeless and hit rock bottom. With Gateway's help, this person became employed. Then got a better job. And a better job. And a better job still. She went back to school and earned her associate's degree. And then her bachelors' degree. And became a home owner.

She is a role model for self-sufficiency. She was one of five participants nationwide to tell her story to a national audience and an auditorium filled to capacity as part of The Atlantic Monthly/Shriver Report on Women in Poverty in Washington, DC.

Her story brought attention to the issues facing far too many people in our country. And it called attention to the positive things community action agencies do and made us realize that we make a difference and have reason to feel good and feel a sense of pride.

But the story doesn't end there with so many other success stories to be written. Many long roads for us to guide individuals and families on in 2015 and beyond. We are proud of what we've done and look forward to continuing to serve our community. We know the road to the wall is long, but we are committed to taking it for those so much in need. And we hope we can continue to count on your support as we continue our journey.



Statement of Financial Position (6/30/14)

ASSETS	Gateway	Spring Gardens
Cash	\$1,888,395	\$214,916
Grants Receivable	\$2,119,353	\$9,281
Due from Related Parties	\$53,773	-
Land, Building, and Equipment	\$7,884,118	\$5,782,741
Prepaid Expenses		\$26,322
Tenant Security Deposits		\$33,647
Restricted Deposits & Funded Reserves		\$223,098
Other Assets	-	\$1,765
TOTAL	\$11,945,639	\$6,291,770
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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets (6/30/14)

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The statement of financial position of Tri-County Community Action Agency, Inc. (T/A Gateway Community Action Partnership) and Spring Garden Senior Housing, Inc. as of June 30, 2014, and the related statement of activities and changes in net assets and of cash flows for the years then ended, were audited by Frank Glien, LLC, Certified Public Accountant. The financial statements have been derived from the audited financial statements. Copies of audit reports and the complete financial statements are available upon written request to Edward Bethea, Senior Vice President/COO.







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The challenge of community action is to help those in need where they are today, and at the same time, help them plan and prepare for a better tomorrow."

An inspiring tale of self-sufficiency

hristina Nahar looked in her pocket and found a nickel and two pennies. It was all the money she had in the world. Seven cents to feed her two children. Seven cents to pay the bills. Seven cents to take on life's challenges. A single mom, she lived a life full of fears and tears. "There were so many nights I would cry," Nahar said of those days in the late 1990s. "I cried a lot. I remember looking at my kids when they were

Today, she is anything but a failure. More like an incredible success. A shining example of how Gateway Community Action Partnership can play a part in turning a life around. She is the embodiment of Gateway's mission "to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency."

little and feeling like a failure."

With services that promote self-sufficiency and an employment opportunity, Gateway played a significant role in changing a life that included homelessness and homeless shelters, extreme poverty, domestic abuse, thoughts of suicide, and days of cleaning her children's clothes with a neighbor's borrowed garden hose, tub and washboard.

Today, Nahar owns a home, earned a bachelor's degree from Wilmington University, successfully manages her finances, provides for her children and has a good job working for a cardiologist.

"I would not be where I am today if not for Gateway," said Nahar, who started with Gateway's services with Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Nahar was selected to tell her compelling story before a Washington, DC audience of about 500 attending *The Shriver Report LIVE*, a full-day event held on Jan. 15, 2014. This coincided with the release of the latest Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink. The Shriver Report sought women who have successfully escaped poverty to speak at its event. Gateway nominated Nahar, and she was chosen as one of four speakers.

The event, held at the Newseum, was attended by accomplished journalists, elected leaders and other very important people such as Maria Shriver, the driving force behind



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The Shriver Report. Shriver is also an internationally renowned journalist and author, and the daughter of Sargent Shriver, President Lyndon B. Johnson's point man on the "War on Poverty" and an architect of Community Action Agencies.

Nahar, who eloquently conveyed her decades-long struggle and path to success, was showered with applause. Grateful for the chance to share her story, Nahar hopes that this will inspire others to climb out of poverty and despair.

"It's been a hard road for me, and when you walk this path, you feel like you are the only one who is going through it at the time," said Nahar, 38, a Millville resident and 1994 graduate of Vineland High School. "I thought this would give me a chance to put my name out there and show people there are ways of getting out of whatever muck you are in. During that journey, you feel like it is never going to end and you will never get anywhere. A lot of doors are closed on you, and you just want to give up. You really do."

But Nahar did not give up. She rebuilt the foundation of her life slowly, brick by brick with the help of Gateway.

"We are very proud of Christina," said Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO and founder. "She is proof that Community Action Agencies work and are vital to the community. We are pleased that Christina so eloquently described her experiences and the assistance she received from Gateway Community Action Partnership in such a high profile setting. She is an inspiration for anyone seeking to escape poverty. She is an inspiration for all of us."

20th annual gleaning trip helps feed area hungry

tooped over amid emerald green fields of cucumbers that stretched for as far as the eye could see, 12-year-old Payton Anderson and her classmates carried on a two-decade fall tradition here

Anderson was one of 220 seventh graders from Haddonfield Middle School who traveled to Sheppard Farms on a sunny September morning for a lesson in agriculture and a chance to help feed the area's hungry. It was the school's 20th annual gleaning field trip to the 1,500-acre family farm, which was organized in conjunction with Gateway Community Action Partnership's Gleaning Program.

Students harvested thousands of pounds of cucumbers and peppers from Sheppard Farms that Gateway CAP will distribute across South Jersey to various food recovery and hunger relief programs.

Anderson said she liked the fact that the gleaned produce would go toward helping feed the area's hungry. "That's what's awesome about this—totally awesome," added Jordyn Simon, 12. "This is fun," said Rachel Bonnet, 12. "It feels good when you pick a really nice cucumber knowing it's going to a really good cause."

Gateway CAP Board President, John Washington, greeted the students while thanking them for their service and wishing them well in



their future endeavors.

John Farrell, a seventh grade geography teacher, has led Haddonfield students on the trip for two decades now. "I love this trip for two major reasons," he said. "First, it's an opportunity for the kids to do community service. This helps their neighbors here in South Jersey by gleaning the fields. Second, this is also a geography lesson on the five themes of geography," he said. "Many of these kids will buy this food from their local food market. Now, they'll actually see where it comes from. We tie it all together into a big

Since 1995, the Haddonfield school has brought more than 4,000 students here to help glean Sheppard Farms' vegetable fields. And, in this same time, Gateway's gleaning program has gleaned and distributed millions of pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables from fields that have been commercially reaped. The food gleaned is of near market quality that, if not gleaned, would



Please Help Us Help Others

Gateway Community Action Partnership makes a difference in helping our less fortunate neighbors. We provide dozens of programs that advance our mission "to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency."

Certain core programs that embody our mission are under- or unfunded, such as Alzheimer's and Adult Day Care, food recovery and literacy. Please make a donation to help us fulfill our mission. Send checks made payable to: Gateway CAP, 110 Cohansey Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302.

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Gateway Community Action Partnership conducted three Poverty Symposiums in Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester counties in September to discuss all aspects of poverty and gather important community feedback.

"In our workshops we want to talk about solutions to poverty, specifically solutions to poverty in the South Jersey area," said Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO, at the Salem session that was the first of the three symposiums.

Work groups developed goals, accountability measures and strategies that can be implemented over the next year that will reduce poverty as it relates to topic areas.

Code Blue takes the chill out of winter

Gateway Community Action Partnership is part of a Bridgeton collaborative - Code Blue - that shelters and feeds the homeless in Bridgeton when warranted by winter weather conditions. A "Code Blue" is initiated by Bridgeton Mayor Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO, when temperatures are 32 degrees with precipitation or 25 degrees without precipitation. Churches in the Bridgeton Christian Ministers Association, a Code Blue partner, rotate as warming centers on a weekly basis throughout the winter. During Code Blue, Warming Centers are open from 6 p.m. - 6 a.m. This winter, 150 guests were served by approximately 200 volunteers. Services include shelter, social services and clothing distribution. Kelly and Dr. Robin B. Weinstein, a member of Gateway's Board of Directors and Pastor of Bethany Grace Community Church, provided key leadership roles in the success of the program.

Literacy honors volunteers

Gateway Community Action Partnership's Literacy Volunteers of Salem and Cumberland Counties recognized Judy Hunt, from Vineland, as the 2014 Tutor of the Year and Tammy Bitgood, from Upper Pittsgrove, as the 2014 Volunteer of the Year at a Tutor Appreciation Night.

"Gateway appreciates the dedication and hard work of Judy and Tammy," said Albert B. Kelly, Gateway's President and CEO. "On behalf of Gateway, I thank them for volunteering their time to help others."





Executive Leadership

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Guzzetti's impact, legacy live on at Gateway

n Gateway Community Action Partnership's 27 years serving Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties, many have supported its efforts in various ways.

Kara M. Guzzetti, Esq. was such a person. Though her time with the agency was brief, her impact was significant. Thirty-four-year-old Guzzetti, a former member of Gateway's board of directors (2009-2011), lost her courageous battle with breast cancer on October 24, 2014.

Vibrant and genuine, Guzzetti lived every day to the fullest and contributed greatly to every person and cause she knew. She was vital in her support for Gateway—giving of her time freely and providing insightful input and faithful participation. She worked diligently with the Planning Department, revising the agency's by-laws in a concise and orderly manner—while making sure not to step on

Her three-year tenure was interrupted by her first bout with cancer. She remained

involved while in treatment. Even after leaving the board, Guzzetti remained a resource and

financial contributions

Kara was a standout athlete and scholar at West Deptford High School. She graduated in 2002 from Loyola University and 2007 from

Widener Law School. She also lived abroad in England and Ireland—working to reconcile Catholic and Protestant differences, and reduce the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Guzzetti served on Gateway's board with an honor and distinction that will always be remembered. We are better for having experienced her vibrant life force, her goodness and her sense of commitment.