# Our Community Newsletter and Somerset Counties and Somerset Counties

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Community Action Month | Strolling Thunder | Early Childhood Summer of Fun Back to School Community Game Day | Events and Volunteer Opportunity

HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s mission is to provide community services that respond to the social, educational and training needs of individuals in an effort to overcome barriers and fight the causes of poverty.

#### Community Action Month







Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Appreciation Dinner, HOPES staff with Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla



Reflecting back on Community Action Month, HOPES Community Action Partnership, Incorporated (HOPES CAP, Inc.) hosted multiple events throughout the month, as well as a Diaper Drive to collect extra diapers for our Infants & Toddlers Diaper Bank. HOPES held a Community Game Day for children and families in our community, three Mother's Day Luncheons at senior centers, an appreciation dinner for our Tax Preparation Volunteers with a commendation given by Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla, and a Hoboken Art Auction with artwork by HOPES preschoolers and adults & seniors in HOPES Creative Wellness classes.







Strolling Thunder Rally by Advocates for Children of New Jersey - Trenton. Strolling Thunder New Jersey aims to bring attention to what our youngest children need to thrive: quality child care, healthy starts for babies and support for their new parents.

# Early Childhood Summer of Fun

## Early Head Start - Plainfield



For the months of June and July, the children enjoyed nutritional and environmental activities. Children raised butterflies from caterpillars and grew a garden. The children learned nutrition through hands-on activities, including helping slice, mix, pour, and peel the different fruits and vegetables with the help of their teachers. In August, the children enjoyed the Fun Bus, an interactive program that brings FUN, and fitness education. At the fire department, children learned about the different fire extinguishers, what's on the fire truck, what the fireman's uniform entails, and who to call when there's an emergency. We'd like to thank the Plainfield Fire Department and all the parents that volunteered and joined us on our trip. Our summer ended with a visit from Preschool of Rock.

#### Head Start & Early Head Start - Somerset



See next page to learn more about the Hamilton Open House.

The Hamilton Open House was a success with over 50 families in attendance. The children enjoyed multiple activities, such as creating slime, petting farm animals, and playing in the Fun Bus. Parents were able to check out the classrooms, learn more about HOPES Early Childhood and Community Programs, and families enjoyed a free lunch.

#### Early Childhood Summer Program - Hoboken



#### Back to School Community Game Day















HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc. held a Back to School Community Game Day, in partnership with Hoboken Housing Authority, Hoboken Police Department, and other agencies. There were games and food for all. At this Game Day, children received a free book bag and other supplies.

### **Events & Volunteer Opportunity**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Adult Education & Creative Wellness Classes (Hoboken) begin October 1st. Register at <a href="https://www.hopes.org/adults-education-registration.">https://www.hopes.org/adults-education-registration.</a>
- Halloween Community Game Day (Hoboken)
  October 30th, 5 7 PM.
- Health Workshop and Cancer Screening (Hoboken) November 15, 10 AM 2 PM.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteers needed to help turf areas at Hamilton Center in Somerset. If interested, please fill out

https://www.hopes.org/volun teer-special-events and we will be in touch with a date.



See printed flyers or check out HOPES website and Facebook @HOPESCAPInc for more information.