



EPort Update

News from the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center

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June 2013

Eport Center Teachers Attend Cultural Diversity Workshop



In early June, the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center's Abbott early childhood education teachers attended a workshop on Cultural Diversity...read more...

Student Success Program Prepares Young Children for Long-Term Achievement

Student Success Workshop series has been a very positive addition to the Eport Center's youth programming. This past school year, ten youths consistently attend the workshops every other Thursday from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM and on the off weeks there were Book Club meetings. While enjoying great activities, the students learned different skills such as test taking, reading comprehension, public speaking, and critical thinking...read more...



Eport Youth Zone student reads in front of his peers during a Book Club Meeting at the Eport's Youth Library.

Eport Center staff award certificates to youth who successfully complete the program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Opportunities

The EPort Center's Food Bank program is looking for

volunteers to help organize the pantry, prepare food bags and help distribute to families in need. To volunteer or for more information call 908-351-4850 Ext. 102.

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EPort Center Wins Grant from PRISM to Support Its Social Service Programs



In the past, we found social gatherings help seniors cope with isolation.

A grant from PRISM, a consortium of Presbyterian Churches and their mission committees and foundations, will be used to partially fund the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center's social service programs including the food pantry and the senior outreach programs.

"The food pantry is a critical service since most of our clients are on a fixed income due to disability and unemployment. We will use the PRISM grant to meet the demands of families and seniors requesting food assistance," says Karla Spivey Bouie, Executive Director, Eport Center.

Over 400 seniors are served annually by this program which includes senior outreach and program activities. Program activities include weekly meetings in English and Spanish, wellness programs and visits for home bound seniors. The outreach program consists of a caseworker assigned to conduct home visits to seniors who are home bound. The caseworker assesses the needs of the senior and provides referrals or resource information for the senior. Oftentimes the caseworker will conduct phone calls, make doctors appointments or follow-up on food assistance needs.

ABOUT US

Established in 1965, the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center, affectionately known as the "EPort Center" was established to address the social and economic needs of the working poor. With support from community members and the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center is one of the oldest non-profit agencies in Elizabeth and is an "anchor organization" in the Elizabethport area. Located in one of the poorest communities in Union County, the EPort Center has helped children and families break the cycle of poverty through support by members in the Presbyterian community, local community leaders, government, and private sector partners and philanthropists dedicated to the work of the EPort Center.

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