# Our Community Newsletter Serving Hudson, Unices and Somerset Counties

Dr. Seuss Week | NJ Shares Fundraiser | Autism Awareness Month Facebook Supporters | Shoe Drive | 2nd Annual Intergenerational Art Auction #HudsonGives: Be a Champion | Upcoming Events | Somerset Donation Bins

The mission of HOPES Community Action Partnership, Incorporated (HOPES CAP, Inc.) 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.











Photos from St. Mary's Center, Plainfield. Submitted by Jessica Mitchell, Family Advocate.

#### A NIGHT OF NETWORKING AND **FUNDRAISING**

On February 19th, HOPES and NJ SHARES partnered to host a reception at Edwards Steakhouse in Jersey City with special guest Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro. The networking event included a silent auction, and all proceeds raised will benefit HOPES and NJ SHARES.

Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro, **HOPES** Community Programs Supervisor Barbara Reyes, and **HOPES President/CEO** Simona Ovanezian



Manager Evelyn Mercado, Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro, and NJ Shares CEO Cheryl Stowell

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#### **April is Autism Awareness Month**

"There needs to be a lot more emphasis on what a child CAN do than what they cannot do." —Temple Grandin (Autism Spokesperson and Professor of Animal Science)

Photo accessed 4 April 2019 <a href="https://www.biography.com/people/temple-grandin-38062-2019">https://www.biography.com/people/temple-grandin-38062-2019</a>

### Thank You for Supporting HOPES!

Thanks to **Marina Palombini**, a HOPES parent who hosted a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser, and gave a personal matching donation with an employermatching donation from Pfizer!

Thanks to **Paige Bender**, a HOPES staff member who hosted a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser!

HOPES CAP, Inc. has achieved the **2019 Silver** Seal of Transparency from GuideStar

by Candid. A GuideStar Seal of Transparency indicates that a nonprofit has provided key information in its Nonprofit Profile View our profile:

You too can start a Facebook fundraiser to support HOPES! 🍂 100% of the proceeds goes to HOPES. 🦽



## **Upcoming Community Action Month Activities**

**SHOE DRIVE KICKS OFF MAY 1st!** 

Help HOPES Community Action Partnership, Incorporated (HOPES CAP, Inc.) raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used and new shoes! There will be a collection receptacle at each HOPES location from May 1st to June 30th.

Please do NOT donate single shoes (unpaired), shoes with holes or damaged soles.

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.

Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.



Bid on beautiful artwork and unique gift baskets, and purchase raffle tickets to win great prizes! All artwork is created by children in HOPES Early Childhood Program (Early Head Start, State-Funded, & Head Start), and adults & seniors in HOPES Creative Wellness classes.

> Thursday, **May 16, 2019** | 5:30 - 7:30 PM 301 Garden Street | Hoboken, NJ 07030

#### Be a HOPES Champion!

HOPES CAP, Inc. is participating in #HudsonGives, a 24-hour, online fundraising campaign on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 that will unite the community in support of nonprofits serving our region.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & BE A CHAMPION!

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As a **HOPES Champion**, you will have fun with your fundraising efforts and work to share enthusiasm and support for HOPES CAP, Inc. and the causes and objectives #HUDSON you are helping to support. Learn more at

hudsongives.org/info/fundraisers-toolkit

Email ourhopes@hopes.org, if you want to be a HOPES Champion!



CALENDARS!

GIVES

#### Join Our Team

Teacher, Infant

Hoboken, NJ (Full Time) &

Somerset, NJ (Full Time)

**Community Programs Advocate** 

Hoboken, NJ (Full Time)

Check out our reviews

AND MORE!

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View open positions and apply online at hopes.org/join-our-team

# **Events & Donation Opportunity**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Free Income Tax Preparation thru April 15th Drop off locations between 9AM to 5PM:
  - > Family Resource Center, 532 Jackson St, 1B, Hoboken, NJ-Tuesdays & Thursdays
  - > United Way, 857 Bergen Ave, Jersey City, NJ -Tuesdays only
- Registration Closes on May 17 for Preschool Summer Enrichment in Hoboken -
  - Note: Preschool Summer Enrichment Program is only for children currently enrolled in HOPES pre-k 3 or 4.
- Father and Child Event (Hoboken) May 18 at David E. Rue School. Note: This event is closed to the public. Only families currently enrolled in HOPES Early Childhood Program can attend.

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

#### **SOMERSET DONATION BINS**

HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc. now has Donation Bins to collect:

- Clothing & coats
- Purses/handbags
- Wallets
- Hats & gloves
- · Stuffed animals/soft toys
- Bedding
  - (Sheets, blankets, comforters, etc.)

Please **DO NOT** put appliances, furniture, or hard toys (plastic or metal) in or around the bins.

Donation Bins at Somerset locations in the parking lot:

- Hamilton Center, 900 Hamilton St. • Belmont Center, 113 Belmont Dr.
- **DONATIONS ACCEPTED 24/7**

\*HOPES CAP, Inc. **does not** issue charitable donation receipts. HOPES CAP, Inc. receives a stipend for collecting donations at our Somerset locations. These donated items will be sent to other countries in South America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe to help children and families in need.