

Workforce Development

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Chatham Apprentice Program

- 32 graduated from Aug 1st and Sept 19th classes
- CAP will hold its last class at 1110 May Street YMCA from Nov.7th to Dec 6th. This class will offer forklift safety training and assistance with TWIC cards.
- YTD, CAP has assisted 37 participants with forklift safety training 15 participants with TWIC cards.
- Total forklift safety trainings are 68 since inception, goal of 100 by end of 2017.

Savannah Graduates

- Three “Near Peer” counselors hired on a “pilot” basis to work with 50 seniors each at Windsor Forest, Groves and Jenkins high schools. They’ll mentor youth to plan beyond high school on college or job path.

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Financial Education

- Q1 – 1110 reached, 123% knowledge increase
- Q2 – 1919 reached, 183% knowledge increase
- Q3- 962, 109% knowledge increase
- Bank On Savannah – 527 accounts opened, YTD

Benefit Enrollment

- Q1-88 new applications, 149 renewals
- Q2-207 applications, 143 renewals
- Q3-Step Up data:
- 35 new applications, 48 renewals

Life Line Loan

- Q1-128 loans, \$174,350 total loaned
- Q2-55 loans, \$69,150 total loaned
- Q3-52 loans, \$67,300 total loaned

VITA

- Filed 4,203 EITC (totaling \$3.3 M) this tax season
- Total 2015 refunds - \$7.2 M
- Total Economic Impact \$13.07M

Campaign for Healthy Kids

- Q1-257 kids enrolled
- Q2-237 kids enrolled
- Q3-189 kids enrolled (Jul & Aug)
- Total number enrolled since beginning of campaign (August 2014): 2,420

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Policy Issues

- Step Up , GBPI, and UWCE hosted a luncheon on Sept. 21 to educate state legislators on a state EITC.
- Titlemax was fined \$9 mil by CFPB for predatory lending
- See reverse for Housing Fund update

Communications

- Annual meeting has been rescheduled for November 18th
- Significant increase in Facebook traffic after hurricane
- SMN ran two articles about Suzanne’s departure one by Skutch and one by Fishman

Poverty Simulations

- 58 participants at at September 13th ASU poverty simulation.
- 4 simulations in 2016, 237 total participants
- SCAD will host a private poverty simulation in November.

Development

- Annual campaign was officially launched in the beginning of October
- \$2,365 total annual campaign
- 25% of board members have contributed to the annual campaign
- \$17,000 in sponsorships were secured for the annual meeting



Staff & Partner Report

Step Up Savannah, Inc. engages all sectors of the community to improve the economic mobility and financial stability of families in Savannah, Chatham County.

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Center for Working Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting has been postponed CWF members worked together to provide additional services during hurricane relief. 	NLA/Resident Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 NLA class of 20 began in September 	Community Indicators Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CGIC hosting an employer networking event on Nov. 3 at Savannah Tech, Step Up will participate 	

Housing Fund Update –

City of Savannah is funding the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund at \$200,000 annually in GR funds. The outgoing City Manager has verbally agreed to increase the funding request in the City’s 2017 proposed budget. The Fund has gotten significant public attention over the last several months, as it is being used by a local hospital to assist lower-wage employees with a first-time down payment on a home. As a result, more local and regional banks are contributing as well. The City Manager expressed support for the Advisory Committee’s proposal to dedicate a portion of new hotel/motel tax revenues to the Fund that now go into the City’s GR fund. The County Manager held a housing forum in August, at which this idea was publicly discussed. Step Up has already reached out to the new city manager to inform him of our role in the Fund, and Advisory Board members will be poised to meet with him as soon as they can get on his calendar.

Step Up’s Hurricane Matthew Relief Efforts

- Coordinated over 1,500 bagged lunches for low-income communities.
- Collected and distributed over \$1,700 in gift cards to our community partners
- Sent 3 press releases about community clean-up efforts
- Collected 248 SNAP Food Loss Replacement forms
- Collected and distributed several donations to our partners
- Stayed apprised of our community partners needs
- Assisted in mobilizing the community in clean up and food distribution efforts