

SICM NEWS

Annual Report Update July—December 2012, Winter 2013

To put SICM's reports on a calendar basis, this is an update from July-December 2012.

SICM Sponsors a Summer STEM Program at Steinmetz Park

Building upon the success of prior STEM enrichment programs (Science, Technology, Education, Math), SICM conducted a one-week STEM camp and with support from Camp Fowler, a one-week camp. They were held in Steinmetz Park during two weeks in July.

Led by a certified teacher and assistant, the STEM program featured a visit from a reptile trainer, a visit to the Children's Museum, and daily learning activities. A new feature was the use of iPads. This camp was made possible by the Times Union Hope Fund.



A new camp was co-sponsored by Camp Fowler, which is affiliated with The Reformed Church in America. The camps were held in conjunction with the SICM summer lunch program, and some youth stayed later for the program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club.



Held during the 4-day week including July 4, this pilot off-site camp in Steinmetz Park had campers participate in a variety of outdoor activities with the assets of the park. SICM is deeply grateful to the Rev. Kent Busman and Camp Fowler staff for this new initiative.

This activity was an outgrowth of the Safe Parks and Edible Playgrounds initiative, which has sought to increase activities for youth in all the city's parks. SICM, with Cornell Cooperative Extension's Roots and Wisdom Program, sponsored an "edible playground" (youth garden) also in Steinmetz Park. This garden was started by youth at Yates School in the spring as a teaching garden and then continued in the sum-

Update on Schenectady Damien Center

The Sch'dy Damien Center (SDC) was in the midst of transition later in 2012. The plan is to transition the program to become a satellite of the Albany Damien Center (ADC). Both serve people either infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Originally the centers in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy were one program but then separated. After a period of careful study and focus groups, the SDC Task Force recommended the shift so that affected individuals could avail themselves of resources available through ADC. The transition is approved by both governing boards, and together we are working on resources as well as improvements to the facility. The facility will continue to be owned by SICM. The SDC is open now only for special programming, including uses by the ADC, Mohawk Opportunities, and the AIDS Council. Any in need of services are encouraged to join the Albany Damien Center. For updates on the transition, contact Rev. Phil at SICM or Perry Junjulas at the ADC.



SICM Staff Updates

Welcome to our two newest staff members! We are pleased to announce the addition of **Shennan Jarboe and Jack Sweeney**, both starting in the Fall.



Shennan started as the Deputy Director of the Food Program (a new full-time position), working alongside Gail VanValkenburgh (Director) at the Emergency Food Program. Shennan comes to us as a graduate of the SUNY Albany School of Social Work. She brings a varied background, and her most recent internship was with Roots and Wisdom at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Jack is the new Assistant Director at SICM (part-time), transitioning from his role on SICM's Steering Committee for the previous year, and before that, as a delegate from St. Kateri's (formerly St. Helen's). Jack brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his work with New York State and later as a consultant in the areas of social services, health, and Medicaid. Jack replaces Crys Hamelink, who served in the position also after retiring from New York State government. Jack, as Crys, will assist and work with Rev. Phil in various areas within SICM and the community.



Welcome, Shennan and Jack!

Food Program

Food Program Statistics:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Individuals Served</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>
<u>Totals for 2009</u>	40,333	362,997
<u>Totals for 2010</u>	43,787	394,083
<u>Totals for 2011</u>	43,486	391,374
<u>Totals for 2012*</u>	50,469	450,684

***an increase of 15%!**

2012 Food Drives over 500 pounds:

ARC
MVP
Shop Rite
Siemans
Hospice of Schenectady
Concerned for the Hungry
Congregation Gates of Heaven
NYS Dept. of Transportation, Region One
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 67 (Glenville)



Thank you!

Summer Lunch Successful!

The Summer Food Service Program provided critical nutritional assistance to thousands of our community's young people at 16 sites. Under the leadership of Allison Williams, literally hundreds of volunteers, staff, and interns worked to provide 34,665 nutritious lunches to youth who otherwise would get a free lunch during the school year. Close to 70% of the youth in the Schenectady City School District qualify for free or reduced price meals. Therefore, the SFS program can have 'open' sites where all are welcome.



SICM experimented with three new sites: the Sch'dy County Public Library, Faith Deliverance Tabernacle in Mt. Pleasant, and the Front Street Pool in the Stockade. The SCAP summer Headstart program participated, as well. All new sites were well received and plans are in the works for expansion. Continuing sites included Friendship House, Faith United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, and Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist, as well as park sites (Central, Quackenbush, Wallingford, Hillhurst, Jerry Burrell, Steinmetz), and Sch'dy Municipal Housing Authority community rooms (Steimetz Homes, Yates Village).

While we celebrate about 1,000 lunches given out each day over 10 weeks, our concern remains that at least another 8,000 qualify and need the food. As the October Times Union article indicated, 50.8% of the children in the city live in households below the poverty line. For too many of the young people who come, it is not only the first meal of the day, it is the only meal. For 2013 information, contact Rev. Phil or Allison Williams.



Summer 2012 Internship Program

In 2012, 16 interns joined SICM for a full and exciting summer internship experience. 7 high school students and 9 college students were on staff and quickly became immersed in the many and varied programs at SICM and neighboring organizations, including Hamilton Hill Arts Center, Bethesda House, and Home Furnishings Program. Interns were supported by the congregations of Union Presbyterian, First Reformed of Schenectady, St. George's Episcopal, Bellevue Reformed, First United Methodist, Eastern Parkway United Methodist, Grace Lutheran/Grace Ministries, Lynnwood Reformed, and Trinity Presbyterian, as well as the Rotary of Schenectady and the Business and Professional Women of Schenectady. Interns were an integral part of the Summer Lunch program, serving as Site Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors, lending a hand at neighboring organizations, and having a consistent presence in various roles at the Emergency Food Pantry. The students represented the following colleges and high schools: Union, James Madison, HVCC, College of St. Rose, University of Vermont, SUNY-Fredonia and Albany, SCCC and Wells; Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Scotia-Glenville, Niskayuna, Mohonasen and Guilderland. *Many thanks to all of our Summer 2012 Interns!*

Summer Interns 2012

Justin Bogardus
Corey Chaires
Paul Daley
Abby Foster

Colin Foster
Lizzy Gallagher
Olivia Jaquith
Peter Krauss

Anna Mattis
Scott Miller
JJ Moran
Eileen Ploetz

Richard Reitz
Becky Rose
Jeffrey Schardt
Leia Smith

Gifts & Grants



Development – Semi-Annual Report (July-December 2012)

Thank you! Each year SICM is blessed with continued volunteer and financial support from a variety of individuals, congregations, religious organizations, businesses and foundations. In addition to congregations and individuals, we received support from the Combined Federal Campaign, Contributor's Choice of United Way State Employees Federated Appeal, and the GE More Gifts More Givers Program.

SICM appreciates faith communities that hosted our summer lunch sites, providing free meals for youth: Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, Faith United Methodist, Friendship Baptist (at Friendship House), Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist and Trinity Lutheran (Central State Street Ecumenical Cluster). We also appreciate the City of Schenectady for their support for Summer Lunch at parks (Central, Front Street, Hillhurst, Jerry Burrell, Quackenbush, Steinmetz and Wallingford) and the Community Rooms at Steinmetz and Yates Village provided by the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority; and the County of Schenectady and our newest site, the Public Library.

In the last half of 2012, SICM received support from:

NYS Dept of Health
NYS Dept of Education
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SEFCU
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Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region
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Pattersonville Furniture Store
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Schenectady Ole Timers
Baseball Club

Schenectady Co. Retired Teachers Association
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Schenectady Local 924 CSEA
Adah Chapter No. 60
Quad Graphics
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Abigail Circle
RN Club
Deb Best Practices

Grants from:

William Gundry Broughton Charitable Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)
(Domestic hunger program)
City of Schenectady's Consolidated Plan
Concerned for the Hungry
Emergency Food and Shelter Board through United Way
First English/St. Mark's/Our Savior's (Hudson Mohawk Conference of the ELCA)
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



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Deadline in GE Matching

SICM is grateful to the GE foundation and the many employees and retirees who "double their gifts" of \$25 or more to SICM.

However, SICM does not receive the match if the employee or retiree makes the match either online or by phone. SICM cannot do the match. And there is a deadline for matching 2012 gifts. If you are eligible and made the match, thank you! If you have not, please do as soon as possible. For questions, please contact SICM's Business manager, Barbara Bieniek at Barbara@sicm.us or at 374-2683.

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