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## The Mayor's Annual Fall Clean and Green Event

Join European American Association in our Annual Fall Clean and Green event taking place on October 28th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. For more information or to sign up please call 773-342-5868 ext.1009.

All supplies will be provided by EAA and the City of Chicago. All ages welcome.



## EAA Housing in Action

Our housing program has many aspects and adventures which take our executive director to different parts of the city. Pictured from left to right, John organizing a paint donation outside of the EAA office. Next, members of the office bring in plants and flowers which were used to brighten our office inside and out. And lastly, John overlooks the community as he inspects the roof of one of EAA's buildings.

If you're interested in more information on the housing opportunities EAA has to offer, you can call Christina at 773-342-5868 or stop by the office. We are in the process of looking for a handyman to assist with day to day activities.



## Volunteer of the Quarter and Thank you for Your Service Awards Announced

Congratulations were in order for Julio Reyes and Kerry Sanders. Both gentlemen were honored on September 21, 2017 for their volunteer service to EAA. As part of the food pantry crew, they are willing to work as much as needed to get the food out. Some days can run from 8am start time to end of pantry at 4:00pm. We are saddened to see Kerry leave us as he finds it necessary to move back to his home state of Iowa. On the other hand, Julio is still with us. Thank you to both gentleman for helping EAA serve the community in such a positive manner.



**Pictured from-left to right: Carmen, Volunteer Chanel, Margaret, Kerry, Julio and Board Member Raymond.**



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## LIHEAP/ Energy Assistance Begins

*Currently Ongoing: People's Gas - Share the Warmth  
Until funds are exhausted*

**EAA PREPARES FOR ANOTHER YEAR of LIHEAP,  
Emergency Furnace  
Home Weatherization (IHWAP),  
Peoples Gas - Share the Warmth**

Beginning October 1, 2017 Seniors age 60+ and Households with a person receiving Social Security Disability Benefits.  
Beginning November 1, 2017 Households with one or more disconnected utilities. Households with children age 5 and under.  
Beginning December 1, 2017 all who qualify may apply.

Household Size	30 Days Income
1 person	\$1,508.00
2 people	\$2,030.00
3 people	\$2,553.00
4 people	\$3,075.00

For each additional member of the household, add \$522.50.

**Application Will Be Taken By Appointment Only**

Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**OUR MULTILINGUAL STAFF SPEAK THE FOLLOWING:  
English, Spanish, Romanian, Russian, Polish and Ukrainian**

### Documentation Required:

- Proof of current 30-day gross income from all household members.
- Copy of most recent heat and electric bills. (Must provide entire bill).
- Proof of Social Security Numbers of all household members. (Must provide a hard-copy of SSN card, Printout, SSA 1099, qualifying Medicare card.)
- Applicants that have all their utilities included in the rent must bring proof of rental agreement stating monthly rental amount and that utilities are included plus landlord's contact information.

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# Thank you to Everyone Who Contributed, Walked and Cheered For Team EAA at the Annual Hunger Walk

One more successful hunger walk is completed. As EAA celebrates our 26th year in the community, we are excited to have been part of all 26 of those walks over the years. It was a beautiful end of summer day on the lakefront where thousands came out to walk on behalf of those affected by food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. For every walker who participated on behalf of EAA, we will receive a \$12.00 credit to our food account at GCFD. All the funds raised will help support the purchase of hams and turkeys this holiday season. GCFD will continue to accept donations during the month of October. To donate, stop by the EAA office or mail a check to The Greater Chicago Food Depository with the account #A00272. Any amount is helpful! Please enjoy the pictures of the day and we look forward to having you join us next year.



## Polska Szkola Millenijna im. M.Reja Chicago

European American Association would like to thank the polish school for collecting donations for the hunger walk. The students went out into their community in support of EAA's pantry. It is always so encouraging to see children participate in acts of kindness. The school will also be organizing some activities which will enhance our holiday season. Once again you make not-for-profit work rewarding!!



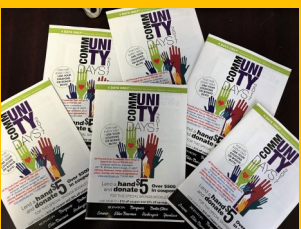
## EAA Volunteers in the Community

This past summer, EAA volunteered at two outdoor festivals to raise money for our programs. On July 9th we participated in Roscoe Village Burger Fest and on August 25th in the Logan Square Food Truck Social. Thanks to Northwest Food Partners Network for setting up the opportunities and to the EAA staff for giving back to the community. We look forward to what the new year will bring!! Pictured to the right: Josan, board member Pete, Lisa, Darrylyn, Elena, Albert and Christina.



## Carson's Days are Back

Once again the staff of EAA will be selling Carson's Day books to raise money for our **Toy Program**. Every year, EAA collects toys and distributes to countless children in the community who may not receive any gifts. With the assistance of the **Toys for Tots Program** we were able to distribute over 400 toys last year. Because the Toys for Tots program cannot supply all the toys, we need to raise money to purchase additional so every request is filled. If you would like to purchase a book for \$5.00, stop by the EAA office. Included in the booklet is a coupon for \$10.00 off any purchase. Thank you in advance for your contribution and for bringing a smile to a child who otherwise might not see a present this year. ☺☺☺☺☺



## EAA Receives Honors for The Tree of Life Garden

Congratulation to Founder/Executive Director, John Herman on receiving honors for his garden located at 5005 W. Huron/648 N. Lavergne in Chicago. As part of EAA's mission we revitalize deteriorating properties. John planted a garden two years ago in an abandoned lot and last year the garden produced beautiful butternut squash. The organization **Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards (CEGA)** has awarded John and the Tree of Life Garden honors in gardening. Pictured below: from left to right the Tree of Life Garden in the winter of 2016, the butternut squash from the fall of 2016 and the tomatoes, apples, herbs, zucchini and flowers which are flourishing in the garden today. What a blessing to have a director with such a green thumb. Also pictured John Herman holding a zucchini and pictured with Mike Nowak from the CEGA committee. **All food is given to the EAA pantry for distribution which takes place every Thursday from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.**

