



On the road with TEEG



2014
Annual Report

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TEEG provides programs to many communities in Northeast Connecticut. Contracted by the municipalities of Thompson, Pomfret and Woodstock, residents in these towns have access to all TEEG services. Additionally, residents throughout the Quiet Corner are able to access and participate in many community, family education and youth service programs. Join us on this year's 'road trip' and learn what TEEG brings to your community!



Dedication - James Naum

September 6, 1931 - November 11, 2013

The road to TEEG's success as a community agency with heart was paved with the compassion of many, but few as caring and generous as Jim Naum. Serving as a member of the TEEG Board of Directors and Vice President for over a decade, Jim led our agency with a sense of community that is rare. Grateful for his ability to always find unique ways to make our corner of the world a better place, we dedicate the 2014 TEEG annual report to James Naum.

Acknowledgements

Once again, TEEG extends our heartfelt gratitude to the creative team who provides us with top-notch service with a smile. Just like old-time filling stations that popped the hood, checked the oil and washed windows, the creative team of MAD Communications, Angell House Design and Express Photo go above and beyond to put TEEG on the map. Their willingness to fuel our message year after year AT NO COST TO TEEG OR THE NORTHEAST COMMUNITY is truly remarkable. The continued donation of time and talent is offered because they believe in TEEG's mission - a community taking care of its own.

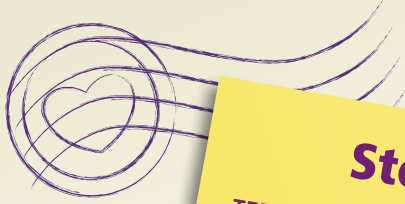
The 2013 Annual Report "Your HOME Team" was an award-winning home run for TEEG! We were honored to receive "Best in Show" at the Connecticut PRSA Mercury Awards.



The Have a Heart Tour

As TEEG enters our 27th year of service to the towns of Northeast Connecticut, we decided it was time to take a road trip. Our MISSION OF EMPOWERMENT has driven TEEG to offer more programs in more communities. The goal of this year's Annual Report is to help people better understand what we do and where we do it, who we do it for and who makes our work possible.

We invite you to take a ride with TEEG as we wind our way through the highways and byways of the Quiet Corner. Along the way we'll visit familiar places, introduce you to our staff and Board of Directors, and share snapshots from our journey. You'll meet our Campaign Chairpersons and see the long list of donors who make this trip possible. So please, sit back and enjoy the ride!!

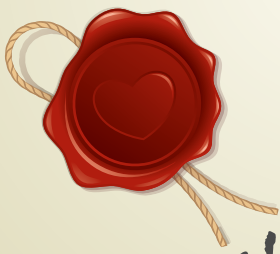


Stops Along the 2013-2014 Have a Heart Tour

TEEG Programs	Times Lives Touched	Community Programs	Times Lives Touched
Early Childhood, Family Programs, Community Education		Monthly & Emergent Food Distribution	5,489
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent/Child Playgroup	1,477	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Systems (Gleaning, Food Rescue, Hub)	350
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parents as Teachers	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holiday Giving	2,712
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parents Empowered & Anger Aside	487	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral Consultation	4,267
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Readiness	21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case Management & Budgeting	4,346
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Parenting Program (PPP)	58	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access Health CT	336
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diaper Assistance	207	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothing Assistance	808
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gambler's Anonymous	414	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operation Fuel	474
Youth Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salvation Army	37
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAM Adolescent Therapeutic Support Services	3,505	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Client Relief & Private Fund Fuel Assistance	247
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Review Board (Referrals)	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer Breakfast & Lunch	3,368
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Star Adventure Program (A.S.A.P.)	336	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Opportunities	2,313
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Back to School	163	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	97
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campership Program & MARS Scholarships	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach	10,400
		Senior Outreach	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benefits Counseling	381
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Recreation and Events	200
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pomfret Senior Center (days at center)	100

Total times lives were touched fiscal year 2013-2014* - 42,711

*Total represents service delivered to 3,018 unduplicated individuals and 1,178 unduplicated families.



Oh, the places we'll go!

Our travels through the Quiet Corner begin with clear direction provided by local guides who know all about the landscape of Northeast Connecticut. The TEEG Board of Directors are members of the Thompson, Pomfret and Woodstock communities. They work together to take us where we need to go and make a point of having a lot of fun along the way!



The Board of Directors makes a pit stop to check out the perfect venue for the annual TEEG Have a Heart Auction. Pictured: Chris Burke, President; Delpha Very, Vice President; Kathy Leveillee, Secretary; Aaron McGarry, Treasurer; Mercedes Robbins, Asst. Treasure; Mary Anne Fontaine; Lynn Bergeron; Barbara Pickett; Mary Cheyne; Erica Kesselman, Pam Olson; Linda Peiczarka; Rene Comtois; Peter Lusa; Ted Reynolds; Kevin Shaw; Fred Nagel; Kevin Shaw; Larry Consiglio.



Every successful team is supported by a quality pit crew that keeps things humming along. It takes a dedicated preventive maintenance strategy and flexibility to deal with emergencies when they arise. The leaders of the TEEG crew are adept at quickly and efficiently finding the right tools to fix any problem and keep our agency moving at top speed. Our Administrative team is always ready to do whatever it takes to keep TEEG going strong!



Pictured: Jenni Fountain, Fiscal Administrator; Donna Grant, Executive Director; and Stacy Rodecap, Director of Programs.



The journey of life provides a lot of opportunities for a traveler to lose their way. It can be difficult to navigate to the supports and services that can lead to an easier path. A personalized road map can help you get to your next best place. TEEG's Community Services Team is here to help. Providing individual case management, our staff can help you create your very own 'TripTik®' to guide you on the road of life!



Figuring out which way do go is what TEEG's Community Service staff does best! Pictured: Emma King, Community Program Manager; Jennifer Strong, Lead Case Manager; Barbara Goloski, Case Manager, Finance Assistant.



Navigating the system can be difficult without a Case Management driver!



Spreading holiday cheer can be easier with help from Santa's elves at TEEG.



Services provided by TEEG to Thompson, Woodstock and Pomfret Residents

- ☑ Case Management and budgeting programs
- ☑ Senior Services & Case Management
 - ▶ Choices Counseling and Medicare Part C&D Enrollment
 - ▶ State of CT Program applications (including but not limited to Food Stamps, CEAP, Title 19)
- ☑ Holiday Giving - Thanksgiving & Christmas meal baskets and Christmas gifts coordinated and distributed
- ☑ Energy Assistance - Operation Fuel - Private and Municipal Funds
- ☑ Salvation Army - Emergency Aid
- ☑ Campership Program - Camp tuition and registration assistance for area children and youth
- ☑ St. Joseph Thrift Store vouchers
- ☑ Scholarships for college bound community involved individuals
- ☑ Gamblers Anonymous - Every Monday evening 7pm
- ☑ Anger Aside - anger management course
- ☑ Volunteer Services
- ☑ VITA Income Tax Preparation
- ☑ Parents Empowered - Education Series
- ☑ Back to School Program - Backpacks filled with required school supplies distributed to children enrolled in area schools
- ☑ Emergent and monthly food distribution for Northeastern CT individuals and families in crisis
- ☑ Local Regional Food Hub - Distribution of Surplus Food
- ☑ Free Summer Lunch for kids ages 0-18
- ☑ Community garden and nutrition education
- ☑ Cleaning - Mobile Food Distribution
- ☑ Weekly Parent/Child Playgroups
- ☑ Parents as Teachers - home based parent education to promote awareness of early child development
- ☑ Diaper Bank Distribution - held once a month
- ☑ Triple P - Positive Parenting Program
- ☑ School Readiness & Thompson Early Childhood Collaborative (Thompson Residents ONLY)
- ☑ MARS (Music at the Rectory School) - Music lesson scholarship applications
- ☑ Intensive Adolescent Mentoring
- ☑ All Star Adventure Program (ASAP)
- ☑ Juvenile Review Board



Families & Food

Menu
Made with Love

Parenting is one tough job. TEEG's Family Services Team is here to help with education and support programs for families and children throughout the year.



Are we there yet? Young minds are always searching for something to do. TEEG's Parent Education programs offer tools every parent needs to survive the trip!



TEEG's Playgroup activities help our youngest community members learn important skills like sharing, taking turns and getting along...skills we want anyone traveling with us to know well!



Keeping families afloat and paddling in the same direction is one of the many things TEEG does best! Pictured: Diane Farquharson, Family Program Manager; Kim Nedzweckas, Summer Food Coordinator; Chelsea Valade, Community Liaison.





Braving the elements is always easier on a full stomach! Pictured: Carl Asikainan, Food Systems Manager; Nadia Krivosheev, Program Assistant.

With basecamp set up at the TEEG Food Pantry, our Food Security team works hard to make sure that everyone in all the communities we serve has enough to eat. Our partnerships with Connecticut Food Bank and the caring community of the Northeast Corner allow us to keep our shelves stocked with nutritious provisions.



TEEG works with the local community, like our 2014 Ambassador The Citizens National Bank, to combat hunger in Northeast CT.



Partnerships with Tourtellotte Memorial High School technology education class and HealthQuest bolster TEEG's ability to make sure that no one goes hungry.



Services provided by TEEG to Putnam Residents



- ☑ Energy Assistance - Operation Fuel - Private and Municipal Funds
- ☑ Parents Empowered - Education Series
- ☑ Triple P - Positive Parenting Program
- ☑ Gamblers Anonymous - Every Monday evening, 7pm
- ☑ Anger Aside - week long anger management course
- ☑ Volunteer Services
- ☑ Referrals for non TEEG programs as appropriate
- ☑ Emergent food distribution for Northeastern CT individuals and families in crisis
- ☑ Free Summer Lunch for kids ages 0-18
- ☑ Community garden and nutrition education
- ☑ Weekly Parent/Child Playgroups
- ☑ Diaper Bank Referrals to Daily Bread
- ☑ MARS (Music at the Rectory School) - Music lesson scholarship applications
- ☑ Intensive Adolescent Mentoring
- ☑ All Star Adventure Program (ASAP)
- ☑ Juvenile Review Board

Making Happy Memories

Childhood should be filled with worry-free fun. But for many kids, growing up can be a dangerous road with hazards and distractions at every turn. TEEG provides an array of services and programs for Youth Behavioral Health to give young people the support they need to find their way safely to adulthood.

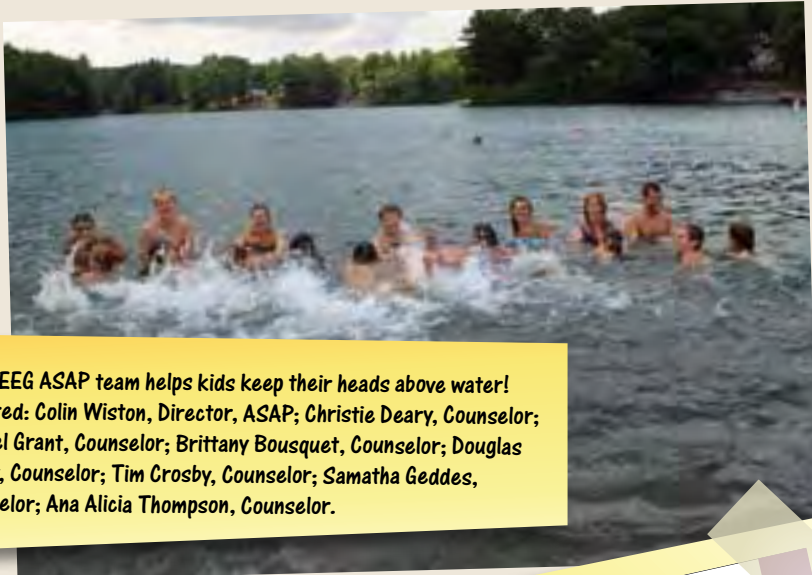
The All Star Adventure Program (ASAP) is designed to provide vacation time and summer fun for area youth who are emotionally or behaviorally at-risk. With a staff ration of 1:2 we ensure a safe, supportive environment for all kids to enjoy community recreation and exciting adventures!



Painting in Putnam, but dreaming of going up, up and away!



By land and sea - making summer memories!



The TEEG ASAP team helps kids keep their heads above water! Pictured: Colin Wiston, Director, ASAP; Christie Deary, Counselor; Gabriel Grant, Counselor; Brittany Bousquet, Counselor; Douglas Henry, Counselor; Tim Crosby, Counselor; Samatha Geddes, Counselor; Ana Alicia Thompson, Counselor.



Services provided by TEEG to Killingly, Union, Eastford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Plainfield and Sterling Residents



- Parents Empowered - Education Series
- Triple P - Positive Parenting Program
- Gamblers Anonymous - Every Monday evening, 7pm
- Anger Aside - week long anger management course
- Volunteer Services
- Emergent and monthly food distribution for Northeastern CT individuals and families in crisis
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- All Star Adventure Program (ASAP)



Sometimes, the quiet moments are most memorable.



Exploration should be a part of every childhood - to outer space and beyond!



Growing up isn't exactly a picnic - just ask any teenager just how hard this road trip can be! Pictured: Dr. Andre Bessette, Clinical Program Director; James Jutras, Clinical Program Supervisor; Trinice Holden, Clinical Program Manager, Colin Wiston, Clinical Coordinator; Jennifer Plaza, Juvenile Review Board Coordinator; Diane Bessette, Mentor; Ariel Pelletier, Mentor; Allison Welz, Mentor; Roy Monteiro, Mentor; Tim Crosby, Mentor; Chelsea Valade, Mentor; Elizabeth King, Mentor; John O'Brien, Mentor.

The TEEG Intensive Adolescent Mentoring program (IAM) provides local youth with personal travel guides and navigators to help them find their way.

Another program you might hear about traveling through the northern towns of the Quiet Corner is the TEEG Juvenile Review Board. This is a community program aimed at serving struggling children close to home. A panel of volunteers who represent all parts of our community meet monthly to deliberate over cases referred to TEEG. They work to balance accountability and fairness with the goal of keeping kids out of the court system while ensuring that they learn lessons of responsibility and good citizenship.



Fueling up with Kindness



Revenue

- Individuals, Foundations, Schools, Scouts & Service clubs \$197,036
- Faith Based Partners . . . \$3,200
- Business & Fundraising \$69,435
- Earned Revenue . . . \$429,399
- Municipal \$45,000
- State \$187,250
- Federal \$34,125
- Client Relief \$42,443
- Total revenue \$1,007,888**



Expenses

- Early Childhood . . . \$111,849
- Youth Services \$582,527
- Community Support & Education \$23,919
- Community Services \$197,871
- Senior Outreach \$83,414
- Total expenses \$999,580**

**Program expenses include salary.*

Every road trip has a price, and TEEG's is no different. The further we want to travel, the more fuel it takes to get there and the more money we need to save for the trip.

Our journey is not an aimless Sunday drive. At the beginning of each fiscal year our Board of Directors studies the map and gives careful thought to where they want our agency to go. They ask tough questions: Who should we see on our travels? How far is too far? How much should we try to do along the way? The answers to these questions chart our course. With the map and itinerary in hand, we budget the resources.

TEEG is a thrifty traveler. We save pennies, clip coupons, and call on friends to help along the way. We find ways to pay as we go with creative fee-for-service programs. At TEEG, our work is life's journey.

Money for the Road

Foundations that have provided a little money to help us hit the road prepared to go the distance.

FUNDER	PROGRAM	GRANT	
William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund	Early Childhood Programs and Parent Education	\$10,000	
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	George L. Holt Fund	Farm Partnership and Gleaning Program, Support for supplemental food distribution	\$5,000
	Windham Area Women and Girls Fund	Women's Self Defense Classes	\$2,500
Local Prevention Council		Juvenile Review Board Support	\$3,640
	End Hunger CT!	Operation Participation	Summer Lunch Engagement
Wakely Foundation	Share Our Strength	Adult Summer Meal Support	\$1,000
		Holiday Meal Support	\$350
HealthQuest, NECT (NDDH)		Support for Community Garden and Mobile Garden Initiative	\$9,187
Glass Foundation		Early Childhood Program and Juvenile Review Board Support	\$45,000
Staples Foundation		Youth Program Support	\$3,500
Day Kimball Hospital Give it a Tri		Parent Education Program Support	\$6,020
Webster Five Foundation		Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Support	\$2,000

Have a Heart Tour Packing List

Here are all of the things TEEG brings along with us in our journeys throughout the Quiet Corner. Donations are always needed and gratefully accepted throughout the year!

Early Childhood, Family Programs, Community Education

- Art supplies for children
- Diapers, especially sizes 3 & 4
- Baby wipes

Senior Outreach

- Board games
- Flashlights
- Slippers
- Reading glasses
- Grocery gift cards
- Pharmacy gift cards

Youth Services – Back to School

- Backpacks, especially for middle & high school kids
- Pens
- Child safety scissors
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Large erasers
- Pencil topper erasers
- Wide rule notebooks
- College rule notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Book covers
- Folders
- Three ring binders
- Loose leaf paper
- Glue
- Highlighters
- Cash donations to purchase clothing and shoe vouchers

Holiday Meals

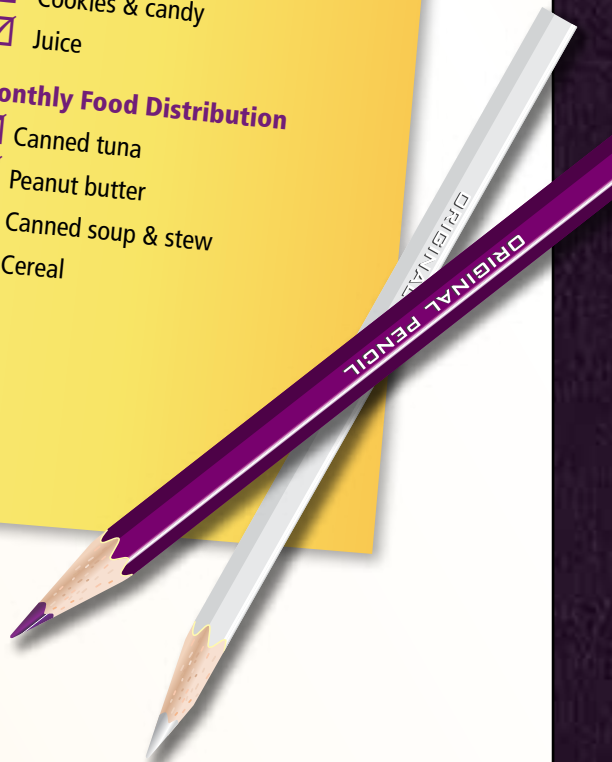
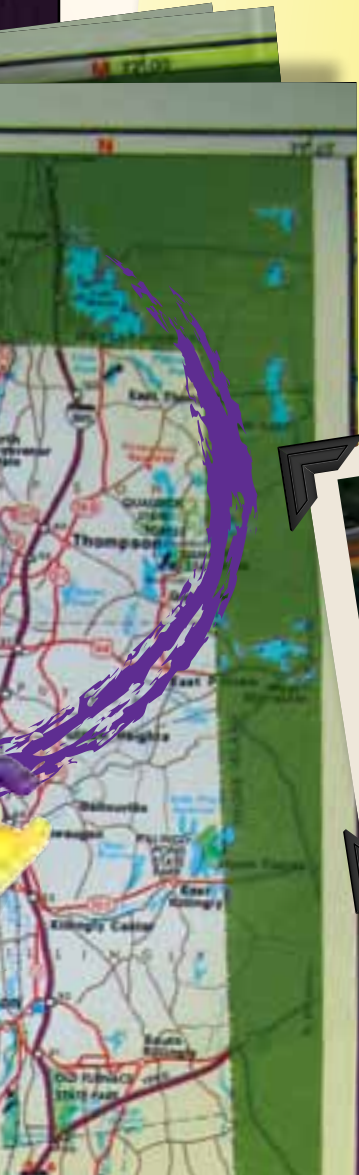
- Turkey
- Stuffing
- Potatoes (5 lbs)
- Butter
- Cranberry sauce
- 6 Cans of vegetables (2 kinds, 3 cans of each)
- 6 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of yams
- Gravy (canned or package mix)
- Condiments (pickles, olives, etc.)
- Jell-O
- Pie crust & filling
- Hard vegetables (squash, turnips, etc.)
- Celery and onions
- Fresh fruit
- Cookies & candy
- Juice

Monthly Food Distribution

- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Canned soup & stew
- Cereal



TEEG thanks the Robbins and O'Leary families for their continued support and partnership... and the use of their vintage automobiles to help create this report!



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