

NORTH EAST  
**Community**  
CENTER





March 2020

**OUR MISSION:**

The North East Community Center seeks to build a healthy, caring, responsive and welcoming community for all who live and visit here. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen community through social service, educational, cultural and recreational programs for toddlers through seniors.

For more information please visit: [www.neccmillerton.org](http://www.neccmillerton.org) or contact: North East Community Center, 51 South Center Street, P.O. Box 35, Millerton, NY 12546. 518-789-4259.



**ON THE COVER:**

A summer day at NECC's administrative offices in Millerton, NY.

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Dear Friends,

On November 2019, we completed our 29th official year as the organization you have come to know and rely upon. Over these 29 years, we have grown from our humble beginning as the Northeast Community Council, Inc., which was created by a caring, visionary group of individuals to help identify resources and connect people to them. The North East Community Center still connects people to resources, but also provides many of the services that would otherwise be unavailable. The programs, activities, volunteers and supporters you see outlined in this report of the 2018-2019 fiscal year represent the work of so many working together. This model of asking what our community needs and working to assure that those needs are met, has enabled it to grow far beyond what could have been imagined 29 years ago.

As we now celebrate our 30th year, we thank you all for your support, we honor our staff and volunteers for their incredible work, and we share our ongoing gratitude with all of the donors, grant funders, staff and volunteers who have helped us grow the NECC over the last three decades.

Let us also recognize and thank all of the youth, families, and seniors who have trusted us to help their lives become richer, more stable, and more rewarding.

Please join us as we celebrate our 30th year, looking forward to a bright future of service to our community and those who live, learn, play and work here.

With sincere gratitude and great hope for our future together,

Christine Sergent  
NECC Executive Director

Christine Bates,  
Chair, NECC Board of Directors

# Meet some of our Community Heroes:



Photo: Alex Baker

**Caroline Burchfield, Coordinator of Volunteer Programs at Hotchkiss School**

*"I can't stress enough the mutual impact of our After School visits – playing, creating and reading with the children, which defuses the pressures the Hotchkiss students face, and leaves them joyful. It truly is a privilege to visit with the NECC children each week. Our friendship with NECC is deeply gratifying. We look forward to exploring more possibilities and further expanding our collaborations."*



Photo: Laurie Spens

**Sam Busselle, NECC Founder and Tri-Town Coalition member**

*"Embracing the enhanced cooperation with our regional neighbors in Amenia and Pine Plains, the North East Community Center co-hosted with Hudson River Housing a housing conversation in April of 2019, formed an ad hoc Tri-Town Coalition, and held several monthly meetings. With little money or staff but several volunteers for the project, we are playing a significant role addressing the housing deficit in the whole northeast corner. I am so impressed by the NECC Director and staff, our resourcefulness and our emboldened partners. We will surely identify a way forward. What an honor to witness the continued growth!"*



Photo: Toddler program

**Michael Chaban, Growing Together and Monday Mornings Out Volunteer**

*"I'm nurtured when I get to offer my time and energy as a volunteer for NECC's Toddler Program. Guided by a dedicated staff, inspired by each unique, precious face that walks in, it just makes me happy."*



Photos: Laurie Spens

**Tammy and Rob Cooper, NECC Advisory Board and Board of Directors members**

*"NECC has had a huge impact on so many people's lives. To hear young people talk about what NECC has done for them, it makes both Rob and myself extremely proud to be part of such a great organization."*

# Program Facts: Did you know...



Teen Team Assistant, Li Sabas paints a trash can on Clean Up Day. Photo: Amy Truax

## Teen Team:

Teen Team collectively performed 378 community service hours in 2019, including but not limited to events like the annual Midnight Run, partnering for the second year with 10 Hotchkiss students to bake 56 pies for the Millerton food pantry, and supporting local organizations like the Northeast Millerton Library and the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association.



Teen Team baking pies. Photo: Jackie Osnato

## Teen Jobs Program:

33 Teens worked at 19 local worksites, completed 5,930 intern hours and attended 226 hours of paid work-skills trainings which included interpersonal communication, financial literacy, public speaking and college essay writing 101.



Healthy Empowered Youth kids on horseback. Photo: Alex Baker

## After School Connection:

Worked with 70 children from 60 families in our After School Connections Program, which provided a safe, healthy and creative environment to learn and play.



Child enjoying the pinata at the NECC Hispanic Heritage Festival. Photo: Tiffany Riva

## Monday Mornings Out & Growing Together:

Provided a nurturing environment for 20 toddlers from nine surrounding towns who come to the Community Center twice a week in order to build language and literacy skills through cooperative and imaginative play. Nine parents attended the weekly parent discussion group on Friday mornings.



Young volunteer working hard in the school garden at Webutuck School. Photo: Amy Truax

### Food Programs:

NECC distributed thousands of pounds of fresh food to 6 local food pantries. Attendance to the Farmers Market was up by 21%, seeing 9,000 visitors this summer. Winter Market saw an increase of 10%, with 2,200 estimated patrons. 105 Health Bucks were redeemed totaling \$363 to benefit families in need.

### Community Support Services:

>> NECC school supply drive collected \$3,200 worth of school supplies, and helped 65 students fill their supply lists. Remaining items were delivered to the Webutuck Schools to help meet classroom needs and replenish student supplies as needed.

>> NECC granted scholarships to families allowing 44 students to attend Summer Camp for free or reduced tuition.

### Tax Aide Program:

Over a ten-week period and with the help of 3 volunteers, the tax aide program prepared approximately 400 tax returns at no cost and secured nearly \$650,000 in federal and state refunds for community residents.



NEDT van ready for a day on the road. Photo: Tiffany Riva

### NorthEast Dutchess Transit:

NEDT made a total of 2,957 trips and served 296 seniors and people with disabilities get to medical and other appointments. NEDT also provided regular shopping trips to Walmart once a month.



Farmers Market bounty on a summer day. Photo: John Nowak

### Summer Lunch Box:

The Summer Lunchbox program prepared 4,100 free breakfasts and lunches for children from the Webutuck School District over 7 weeks during the summer.



An exciting moment during the After School butterfly release. Photo: Sheila DePaola

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS YEAR-ROUND, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [NECCMILLERTON.ORG](http://NECCMILLERTON.ORG) AND SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY eNEWS.



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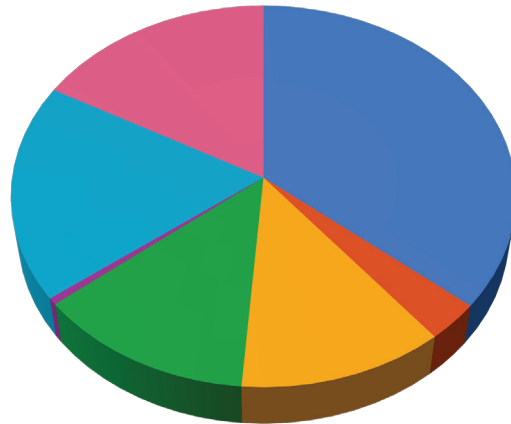
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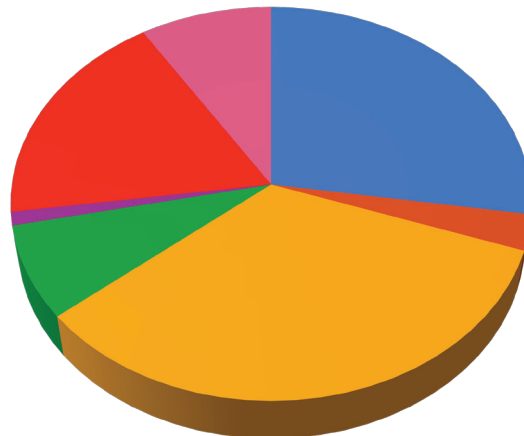
## 2019 Total Expenses – \$1,270,587\*



- Youth Programs \$457,078
- Food Access Programs \$40,684
- Family and Senior Support Programs \$153,530
- Transportation Program \$164,086
- Community Events \$6,894
- Fundraising \$233,183
- Management and Administration \$215,132

**OTHER:**  
 Arts Mid-Hudson  
 Eastern Dutchess Rural Health Network  
 Millbrook Garden Club  
 United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region

## 2019 Total Revenue – \$1,270,587\*



- Individual Contributions \$348,348
- Fees for Services \$37,095
- Government Contracts \$428,544
- Special Events, Net \$96,753
- Other Income, \$14,020
- Foundation and Corporate Grants \$231,671
- Satisfaction of Prior Year Restrictions, \$114,156

NOTE: We have made every effort to ensure this list is complete and accurate. Please bring any mistakes or omissions to our attention. Send to [tiffany@necmillerton.org](mailto:tiffany@necmillerton.org).

\*Data provided from NECC 2018-2019 audited financial report

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