



## ANNUAL REPORT 2015



### Mission Statement

*Our mission is to promote a goal of self-sufficiency by broadening the minds of children, revitalizing communities, and assisting families and children in need through the provision of services and to coordinate available federal, state, local and private resources.*



## A Message from Adrian Fassett Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. is committed to promoting self-sufficiency by broadening the minds of children, revitalizing communities, and assisting families and children in need through the provision of services and to coordinate available federal, state, local, and private resources.

In 2015, the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. marked its 49th anniversary helping communities and individuals throughout Suffolk County sustain economic security. We take pride serving our communities and helping individuals and families in need.

The 2015 fiscal year was truly a successful year for the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc.

Our Chronic Health Care Coordination program has helped over 1,200 individuals with multiple persistent health conditions manage their physical health, behavioral health, and social needs to improve their health outcomes. Our foreclosure, housing, and Veterans programs have helped 1,169 individuals and families from becoming homeless.

Working with other providers, agencies, and organizations has afforded us the opportunity to grow and expand our efforts.

I am also thrilled that we are a partner with the Suffolk Care Collaborative led by Stony Brook Hospital. This is a collaboration of organizations charged with improving health care and reducing costs for Long Island communities.

I am grateful for the dedication of our staff, management team, and Board of Directors. I look forward to this coming year as we continue to adapt and accommodate the changing needs of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

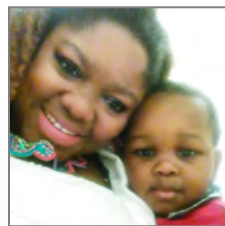
**Adrian Fassett**  
Chief Executive Officer

## EOC IS ABOUT PEOPLE



EOC of Suffolk, Inc. (EOC) is on the front-lines fighting recidivism and Freddy Frederick's story is a perfect example. After a five-year incarceration, Freddy met EOC SNUG Program Street Outreach Worker Chris Parris at the Wyandanch Resource Center. Chris introduced Freddy to a myriad of community resources, positive activities, and networking events that have helped Freddy to regain his self-confidence. As a result, Freddy enrolled and successfully graduated from a construction worker apprenticeship training program and is now working on repairs to the Brooklyn Bridge.

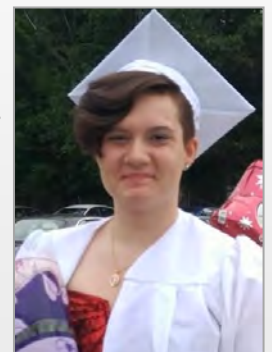
Like most young families in Suffolk County, Amy and Jonathan Keyes needed two incomes to make ends meet while grappling with the decision to place their young daughters in child care. The decision was made much easier once their girls started attending EOC's East Patchogue child care center, now called, Way to Grow. "The staff is incredible," wrote Amy Keyes in a letter. "The loving and peaceful presence is remarkable. I sing your praises to all who ask for a child care recommendation."



Valentia came to the U.S. from Africa and faced domestic abuse after the birth of her son. Fearing for their safety, she fled, but was left homeless and without the legal documentation needed to receive benefits. EOC Care Coordinator Luisa Naranjo was instrumental in securing temporary housing at a family shelter. Determined to

help her gain self-sufficiency, EOC connected Valentia with Touro Law Center's Immigration Clinic which obtained legal status for her. She then received transportation and healthcare services as well as permanent housing. Valentia now works with EOC Care Coordinator Jenny Hago to achieve her medical, social, and vocational goals.

Janine Guercio credits EOC's Leaders of the Future program with providing her with a framework for future success. "EOC offered me information, skills, and opportunities that would otherwise be hard for me to find," Janine told us. "When I was struggling early on, EOC offered support with academic help, group discussions, and a sense of community that helped me feel like I could accomplish anything, and helped me to understand that I was not alone. The network of people at EOC helped me get to where I am today: a successful ambitious college student at Nassau Community College and at Hofstra University."



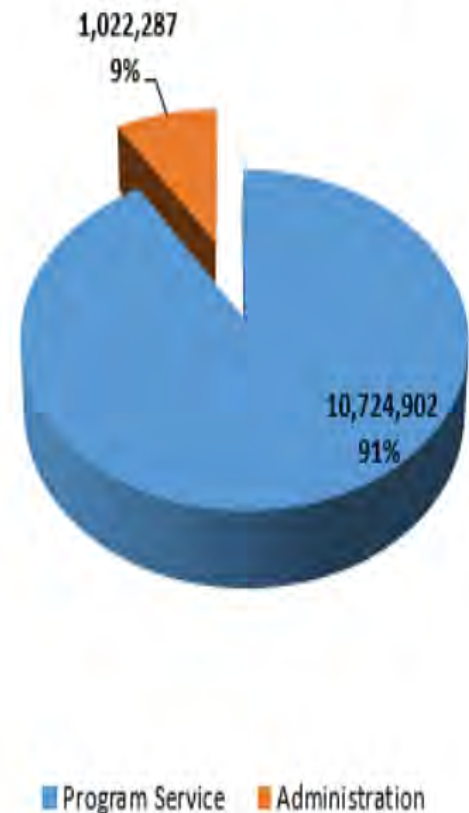
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# FINANCIALS

		2014	2015
<b>Assets</b>	Current	2,353,743	2,762,499
	Non Current	325,810	309,084
	Total Assets	2,679,553	3,071,583
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	Current Liabilities	1,436,504	1,425,185
	Non Current	89,393	36,034
	Total Liabilities	1,525,897	1,461,219
	Net Assets	1,153,657	1,610,364
<b>Revenues</b>	Total Revenues	10,932,037	12,203,898
<b>Expenses</b>	Personnel & Fringe	6,111,961	7,336,753
	Non Personnel	4,335,380	4,410,436
	Total Expenses	10,447,341	11,747,189
	Excess of Revenue	484,696	456,709
	Net Assets 1/1	668,959	1,153,655
	Net Assets 12/31	1,153,655	1,610,364
<b>Expenditures</b>	Program Service	9,351,603	10,724,902
	Administration	1,095,738	1,022,287
	Total Expenses	10,447,341	11,747,189

## 2015 Expenditures



### OUR PROGRAMS

- Chronic Health Care Coordination
- Community Based Initiative
- Delivery System Reform Initiative Payment (DSRIP)
- Family Development
- HIV/AIDS/HIV(-) Programs
- Housing Programs
- Montauk Child Care
- Sensationally Sweet Gourmet Candy Store
- Services for People with Developmental Disabilities
- SNUG Violence Prevention
- Suffolk Family Court Children's Nursery
- Way to Grow Child Care Center
- Veteran's Services
- Wyandanch Weed & Seed
- Youth and Adolescent Services

### ON THE WEB!

[www.EOC-Suffolk.com](http://www.EOC-Suffolk.com)  
[www.TheWayToGrow.com](http://www.TheWayToGrow.com)  
[www.MontaukChildCare.com](http://www.MontaukChildCare.com)  
[www.Sensationally-Sweet.com](http://www.Sensationally-Sweet.com)



## 2015 BY THE NUMBERS

**4,367** Number of families served.

**3,926** Number of families served living at or below the poverty level.

**1,889** Number of children under 18 served.

**1,081** Number of single-parent households served.

**370** Number of people served who have attended college.

**300** Number of winter coats distributed to Veterans, in partnership with the Patchogue Family YMCA.

**287** Number of disabled individuals served.

**119** Number of families assisted by the food pantry.

**186** Number of teenage parents who were provided baby items.

**50** Number of families that received a Thanksgiving turkey or other holiday assistance.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

#### CHAIRPERSON

**SONDRA PALMER RANDALL**

Public Appointed  
Assemblyman Fred Thiele

#### VICE-CHAIRPERSON

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Community Elected  
Executive Committee

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Private Sector  
Chairperson, Audit/Finance  
Committee

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**MARK T. GAGEN, CLU, ChFC**

Community Elected  
Executive Committee

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Private Sector  
Audit/Finance Committee

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Public Appointed  
Mayor Paul Pontieri  
Audit/Finance Committee

**MARY HUTLEY**

Community Elected

**PAUL JOHNSON**

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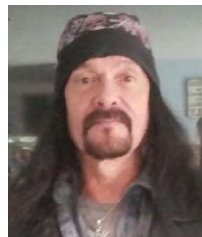
**JASON RICHBERG**

Publically Appointed  
Presiding Officer  
Leg. DuWayne Gregory



## 2015 Highlights

Clockwise from top left: County Executive Steve Bellone joins EOC's SSVF table at VetStock; Central Islip Wellness Fair; Congressman Lee Zeldin with EOC C.E.O. Adrian Fassett at a Black History Month ceremony; Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory at National Night Out in Wyandanch; and 2015 Dellecave Award Winners Diana Monaco of Center Moriches High School and Liam Walker of Southold High School.



Musician Roy Birkbeck, a proud Vietnam Veteran, owned a recording studio that fell victim to the recession and closed in 2006.

Soon after, his wife, Dianne, was diagnosed with cancer and died, leaving Roy and his teenage son grieving and in debt from the medical expenses. Eviction soon followed and Roy's son went to live with family while he slept in his car.

EOC's SSVF Case Manager Esther Rock helped provide the emotional support Roy needed to move on without Dianne, and Housing Counselor Deanna Lamberti helped secure permanent housing. With renewed confidence and vigor, Roy has returned to his musical roots and is now touring with a band, earning a living, and regaining his independence.

## EOC IS ABOUT PEOPLE (continued)

## 2015 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ EOC of Suffolk, Inc. launched a collaboration with Suffolk County on a pilot **Community Based Initiative** in Brentwood, Central Islip, and Bellport. Under this project, EOC will work to increase awareness of community-based services and opportunities for involvement through community events and outreach, proactively engaging the most vulnerable residents who can benefit most from services.
- ⇒ Partnering with Stony Brook Medicine, EOC of Suffolk, Inc. launched an innovative approach to healthcare delivery developed by the New York State Department of Health called the **Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP)** program. DSRIP promotes community-level collaborations, including outreach and assessment, with a focus on system reform.
- ⇒ EOC of Suffolk, Inc. again hosted the **15th Annual Butch Dellecave Awards** breakfast and ceremony. Named in memory of the legendary educator, official, and coach Gaetano "Butch" Dellecave, the award is a partnership with local schools, the Butch Dellecave Foundation, and Newsday. Students are honored for their athletic, academic, and community-based achievements.
- ⇒ Our staff prepared to transition EOC of Suffolk, Inc.'s East Patchogue child care center from a Tutor Time franchise to the independent **Way to Grow**. This new model will provide the flexibility needed to better prepare students for kindergarten and the state's Common Core curriculum as well as to invest more resources into the school.