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October E-Newsletter



Our Soup of Success Open Houses are scheduled for

Saturday, November 4

and

Saturday, December 2

9am - 2pm

Come sample our delicious soups, cookies and dips, smell candles, try on mittens, search for the perfect tree, meet the women and staff, and of course buy holiday gifts for everyone on your list! Proceeds from Soup of Success product sales are used for training wages for the women who are participating in the program. This year, give the gift that gives back to the community!

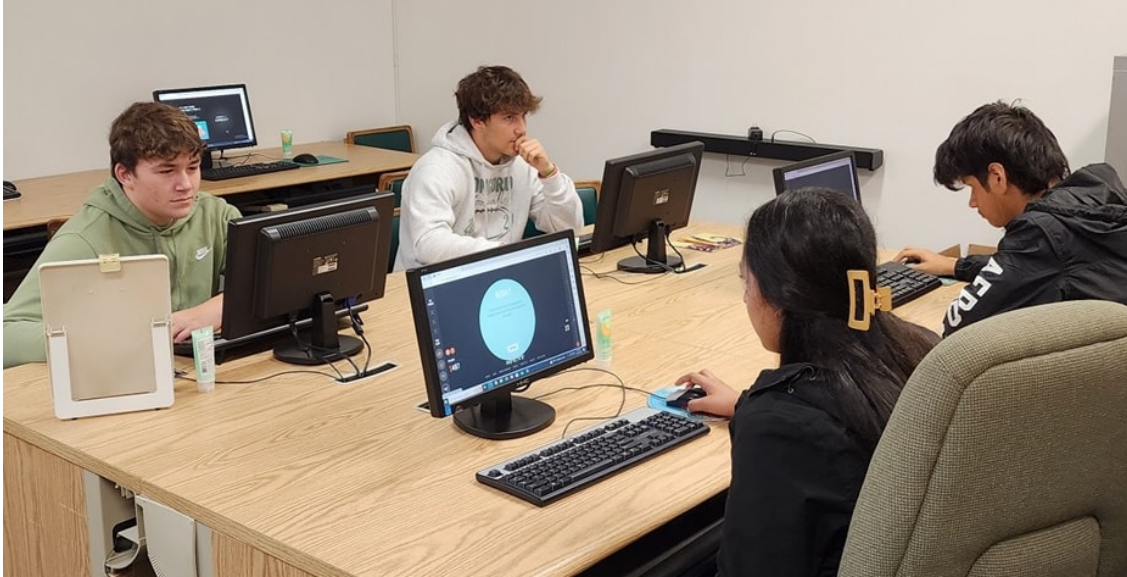


Team members from Specialized Staffing Solutions have been spending their Saturday mornings volunteering at CCS. We appreciate their help in the pantry and Soup of Success kitchen!



Thank you to Dwight Fish, our friend and Seed to Feed advisory team member! With his help we have been stockpiling our compost pile for our Fall and Winter

greenhouse rows. Thanks for all you do to help our gardens grow!



Students from Concord High School visited CCS to hear about our programs and ways we serve residents who are struggling to make ends meet. Here, the students are playing an online game in which they assume the role of someone who has lost their job and is down to their last \$1000. By making a series of decisions, the player tries to make it through one month. Through this game, people see what it feels like and what the challenges are for low income or no income families.



Volunteers pruned and dug up the berry bushes from the Sunflower Community Garden and transplanted them to our new microfarm next to the greenhouses. Thank you to everyone who came out to help!



Our new Soup of Success class began on October 9 and are settling in well to a new routine of classes and producing soup mixes.



October is a big work anniversary month for Soup of Success staff!
Top to bottom: Kathy Peterson, Program Manager (20 years), Rachel Johnson, Production Manager (2 years); Belinda Gamez, Production Assistant (4 years); not pictured, Betsy Ayrea, Director (26 years).










CCS staff celebrated the Fall season with some cider, sweet treats, and a Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Contest. Congratulations to all of the entries and winners!



We're almost there! If you'd like to help us cover the cost of greenhouse equipment, unforeseen construction needs, and to learn more about our educational microfarm, please [click here!](#)

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