



senecastreetcdc.org

Seneca Street Community Development Corporation
1218 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210

NEWS

CONTACT: Rose Caldwell, 716-713-9548

MEDIA ALERT / VISUAL OPPORTUNITY

**19th Annual Reading Camp Serving 75 Children in Seneca-Babcock Community,
Hosted by Seneca Street Community Development Corporation**

60 Georgia, Local Volunteers Staff Two-Week Camp; Culminates with Awards, Bookbags, Supplies

WHO

- Children in the Seneca-Babcock community of Buffalo;
- Staff of the Seneca Street Community Development Corporation;
- About 60 Volunteers from Duluth United Methodist Church in Duluth, Georgia, as well as Buffalo area churches and other community members;

WHAT

July 24-27 is the second week of an annual two-week, free reading camp for children entering first through ninth grades filled with activities that support summer learning including reading, crafts, writing, science, cooking and sewing. Now in its 19th year, the camp is held Monday through Thursday mornings in the Seneca Babcock community of Buffalo, hosted by Seneca Street Community Development Corporation (CDC). During the school year, Seneca Street CDC also conducts an after-school program for children and teens and other community outreach efforts. (The first week concluded Thursday, July 20.) The reading camp is part of its six-week Summer at Seneca Street enrichment program.

A group of about 20 adults from Duluth United Methodist Church in Duluth, Georgia, as well as other community members and members of local Buffalo area churches voluntarily supplement the small staff of Seneca Street CDC. The Georgia church has supported the two-week camp with volunteers for more than 12 years and local Hamburg United Methodist Church members have volunteered at the camp for more than 15 years.

WHY

According to student data, 68 percent of children enrolled in Seneca Street CDC programs come from homes with an annual income of less than \$25,000. Enrichment programs are essential for student academic success. Even though this community is just a “bridge away” from Larkinville, the community remains isolated and economically depressed.

WHEN

- **July 24-27** (Monday through Thursday), **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** – Age groups rotate among activities: reading, crafts, writing, science, cooking, sewing;
- **July 27 (Thursday), 12:30-1 p.m.** – Reading Camp “Graduation” in which participants receive a certificate, new backpack filled with school supplies and enjoy an ice cream social.

WHERE

Based out of Seneca Street United Methodist Church, 1218 Seneca St., Buffalo, 14210, and conducted at four community agencies in Seneca Babcock community.

For more information, call (716) 939-3601 or go online at senecastreetcdc.org.

###