

History – Summary of Accomplishments

Eager To Serve, Inc. (ETS) was founded by three African American women in 1989 as a result of the tremendous need for academic and cultural enrichment of children in the multi-cultural communities of Freeport, Roosevelt, Hempstead, Uniondale, Baldwin and the surrounding areas in Nassau County, New York.

An After School Program, serving 25 children between the ages of 4-12, was sponsored in 1991 at the Transfiguration Parish Day School, Freeport NY. In 1992, an After School Program was provided in Hempstead NY, serving 40 children. A quality *School Age Child Care Program*, which includes Before/After School, a Holiday/Vacation and Computer Camp, is currently being offered at 87 Pine Street, Freeport (Our Holy Redeemer School Building). The program serves up to 100 children on school days and up to 250 children between the ages of 18m – 12 years in a child day care setting and/or camp setting on school holidays and vacations.

The *Holiday/Vacation Program* was initiated in 1991. Many parents need to work during holiday/vacations, throughout the academic school year. The holiday/vacation program provides full time childcare from 7am-6pm, for children ages 6-12. During the summer, children ages 3-15 are served.

Youth Training includes youth development and tutoring for students in all subjects and all levels. Tutoring has been provided since 1989. Over Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty (7,350) students have received academic assistance, cultural, social, and economic enrichment through our organization. The Eager To Serve, Inc. has provided workshops on various subjects, from nutrition to entrepreneurial skills to youth in the community. Social activities include fashion shows, talent shows, pageants, sports, trips, etc. Youth are also employed to plan services and activities for youth in the community. The *Dance Program* began in 1993 as a collaborated effort between Hempstead Salvation Army, Hempstead Public Schools, Eager To Serve, Inc. This program affords youth, age 4-adults, the opportunity to learn Acrobatics, Jazz, Tap, Modern Ballet, Praise Dance, Oral Expression and Hip-Hop Dance, each Saturday from 9am-

12pm during the academic school year. The program is offered at the Hempstead Salvation Army. The Dance program in Hempstead was released in July 2002 and a new dance program was established July 2002 in Freeport.

The *Hempstead Parent Resource Center*, which was established in 1994, offers parenting skills training. Training was provided to parents as first teachers of their children. Parents are taught how to advocate on behalf of the children about school issues. GED and Adult Computer Training is also offered to parents, as well as the community at large. Effective September 2018 GED and Adult Computer Training will be provided through *ExecuTech*.

The *Computer Camp Summer Education Program* has been successful in providing computer literacy and technology skills to children while providing quality childcare. In 1991, 72 children attended the program. In 1992, 149 children attended the program. Since 1993 the computer camp has served and continues to serve 150-175 children ages 4-12 daily, during the summer months.

A subsidiary of Eager To Serve, Inc. was established in 1997 in Georgia. The Office of School Readiness has authorized the organization to sponsor nutritious food to centers and childcare providers. The boy's home was established in the year 2000, Covington, Georgia.

The *Youth-In-Training Program*, which began in 1996, is an opportunity afforded to youth ages 13-15. The program operates year-round. Groups of (13-15) young people are selected through parent/child interviews to participate in a learn/work opportunity at the Country Club Day Program and/or Summer Camp.

In 2006, Sunshine Residence was established to provide teenage mothers and their babies with a loving home to provide the necessary skills and training for self-sufficiency. As of February, 2010 ETS established an emergency shelter program for single, homeless women. The objective of the program is to help these women obtain permanent housing as well as reunite them with their family. As of 2015, the

emergency shelter is currently in as expansion process and is operating as a Housing Assistance Program –
“From Homelessness To Healing”.