



# YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION: STORIES FROM THE AGENCIES

## COUNTY NORTH



E. JOHN  
**GAVRAS**  
CENTER

During the coronavirus pandemic, the E. John Gavras Center was the only licensed childcare facility to remain open. At the request of the Cayuga County Community Director, they expanded the programming to provide childcare for our essential workers. The team at Gavras was able to modify their license to offer care to children from birth through 12 years of age. While the Gavras Center is in Auburn, the youth who receive care come from all areas of Cayuga County—10% of the youth in last year’s program were from Weedsport and Cato! Did you know that a portion of the United Way dollars that the Gavras Center receives is allocated to support sponsorships specifically for our rural neighbors living outside the city of Auburn?

A Sennett neighbor, who we’ll call “Blake,” was living in a condemned rental when the landlord passed away. For Blake to be eligible for the Department of Social Services’ (DSS) Emergency Housing Services, the rental had to be properly condemned. Blake reached out to Cayuga Community Health Network and spoke with Street Outreach Coordinator, Nicole, for help. Nicole assisted Blake with lengthy calls to code enforcement, the town of Sennett, and many others. Together, they were able to have the rental properly condemned and Blake was able to transition into DSS’ Emergency Housing Services.

## COUNTY CENTRAL



## COUNTY SOUTH



Although there is a food pantry in the Moravia / Niles region of Cayuga County, many neighbors do not have access to fresh food giveaways due to transportation needs. Once the team at The Salvation Army wraps up their Auburn Fresh Food Giveaway, they package all of the remaining items in coolers and transport the fresh foods to the New Hope Church of Niles to give the remaining items away. More than 5,600 residents in Niles and Moravia rely on this Fresh Food Giveaway program and have shared how grateful they are for this additional service.