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Strengthening the fabric of our community

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Services

Economic Opportunity Program, Inc. (EOP) Hosts Annual Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Birth to Five School
Readiness Program

Center of Excellence
(New Day Program)

Community Food for Jobs
Program & Bistro

Energy Services Bureau

Ernie Davis Community
Center

Family Support Services

Libertad-Elmira Veteran and
Family Program

Literacy Volunteers of
Chemung & Schuyler
Counties

Elmira, NY (Feb. 23, 2023) - EOP, Inc. is excited to announce its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. This event is open to all, and public attendance is welcomed and encouraged.

This year, EOP, Inc.'s Annual Meeting marks 58 years of service to Chemung and Schuyler Counties with a day-long celebration at the Ernie Davis Community Center, located at 350 E. 5th Street in Elmira, NY. This is a hybrid event with opportunities to participate online and in person.

The day begins with a 9:00 am teleconference with the Operations Team of EOP, Inc. and continues at 1:30 pm with a virtual "Soul Talk" on Community Economic Development with a virtual update by Marty Birmingham, CEO of Five Star Bank, and his team, followed by Q & A dialog. The festivities will conclude at 4:00 pm with the 58th Annual Meeting and Celebration, which will be live-streamed and open for public attendance.

To continue supporting our community, EOP, Inc. is hosting a Kare Kit & Sock Drive. In-person attendees are asked to consider bringing an item to donate or \$58 to cover event admission. Needed items include socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, women's personal items, combs/brushes, first aid supplies, and mouthwash.

EOP, Inc. is honored to welcome James "Jim" Reed as its Keynote Speaker for this year's Annual Meeting. Jim serves as President and CEO of Lifetime Healthcare Companies, which includes Excellus BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS), Univera Healthcare, Lifetime Benefit Solutions (LBS), and MedAmerica.

Jim is an Elmira native who graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1989. He has spent his career working to secure high-quality, affordable healthcare coverage for individuals and families in New York State.

Today, Jim serves on multiple boards and committees in the Upstate New York region, including ROCH2025 and BlueCross BlueShield Association, among many others. His heart for our local community is evident, and he maintains a strong commitment to healthier families that strive to create a legacy for their children.

2021-2022 was a year filled with challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, EOP, Inc. CEO, Andrea Ogunwumi states that the organization is excited to embrace a year of #MovingOn. She says, “Moving on means taking every challenge we encounter and coming together as one unit to find a workable solution. We are only as strong as the sum of our parts, and strategic partnerships make it possible to stand firm and forge ahead, even in the face of adversity.” Although the last few years were filled with uncertainty, the staff at EOP, Inc. looks forward to a bright future of #MovingOn back to local neighborhoods to serve the needs of individuals and families.

Each year, EOP Inc.’s Annual Meeting is a community highlight event that is a testament to changed lives in Chemung and Schuylar Counties. This year, the Annual Meeting features updates on:

- The quickly expanding ACCEL Clinic, achieved in partnership with Arnot Health, the Chemung County Health Department, BlueCross BlueShield, and LECOM.
- The Birth to Five Early Head Start Program, which included renovations to the Ernie Davis Family Center.
- Many additional community programs!

EOP, Inc. exists to promote diversity, dignity, and health within the fabric of our local communities. By empowering individuals and families to succeed, EOP, Inc. has set its course on continuing to partner with area organizations to meet needs, build integrity, and change lives.

You are invited to come and celebrate the positive changes EOP, Inc. has brought to Chemung and Schuylar Counties in 2021-2022 and how you can become a part of what lies ahead in this exciting season of #MovingOn.

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