



# Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

April 2008

## FSS Update



Charleston-Kanawha Housing announced three successful FSS graduates at the Board of Commissioners meeting on April 28, 2008.

Danyelle Mebane-Whitestone entered into the Section 8 program in March of 2004, and signed up for the FSS program a few months later. In 2006 she married Patrick Whitestone and became employed at CAMC. "The FSS program taught me to be more independent and responsible as an adult. It's good when you can do things for yourself and say that you worked for it."

Robin Townsend entered into the FSS program in October 2002. Shortly thereafter, she became employed with Thomas Memorial Hospital where she is still employed. Her goals were to be gainfully employed and assistance free.

Latora Outlaw entered into the FSS program in June 2006. She finished her education at the University of Charleston in 2007 earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Ms. Outlaw is employed at Thomas Memorial Hospital.

Annette Hudson entered the FSS program several years ago. She attended Carver Career Center and earned a certificate in phlebotomy. She was able to purchase her own home and says, "The program is terrific, I am able to pay my bills on time and I don't have to worry about being homeless."

\* In photograph from left, Tammy Jones, FSS Coordinator; Latora Outlaw; Robin Townsend; Annette Hudson; Danyelle Whitestone and family.

## Resident Relocation Meetings



Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff met with residents at Washington Manor on April 22, 2008 and April 24, 2008 to update them on CKHA's plans for Charleston Replacement Housing L.P. #3. Relocation procedures were discussed in detail with those affected by the demolition. Residents at Littlepage Terrace will receive the same information in early May.

General notices were sent out to all 301 residents of Washington Manor. Residents that will be affected on the first phase of demolition (120) were sent additional letters encouraging that they be at the scheduled meetings.

The demolition at Washington Manor will consist of seven (7) buildings (A-1 - A-4 & B-1 - B-3) which contain 120 units. Ninety seven affordable rental units (subsidized with public housing assistance and project-based Section 8 vouchers) will be contained in 17 buildings of which one building will be a 36-unit building for elderly/disabled. The replacement bedroom distribution will be 36 one-bedrooms, 45 two-bedrooms and 16 three-bedrooms for a total of 97 units.

Tenants at Washington Manor living in the units proposed for demolition in the near future (after HUD approval) will receive a Notice of Eligibility for Relocation Assistance and CKHA will pay for their move. Any tenant moving before receiving the Notice of Eligibility will not receive relocation benefits.

If there are any questions or concerns by residents of Washington Manor or Littlepage Terrace regarding the redevelopment activities or relocation procedures, please contact Frances Banks, Relocation Coordinator at 348-6451 ext. 379 or 348-6800 ext.14 or by

## Resident Comment Line



We Want to Hear from You!  
348-1096

All calls are welcome  
and remain anonymous.

## Too Good For Drugs

The highly anticipated *TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS* Program will begin in all 8 family public housing communities the week of May 19th and run for 8 weeks or until the end of July. TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS is a program for parents and children of all ages who are residents of Charleston- Kanawha Housing.

[This Proven Effective Program will:](#)

Teach Drug Resiliency Skills

Ways to Improve Self-Esteem

How to Make Better Life Choices

Plan on attending for afternoons of fun and learning. Talk with families in your community with similar issues and help spread the word about the program.

[Earn Community Service Hours  
Just For Attending!!](#)

Great Door Prizes that include, WV Power tickets, YMCA Passes, food coupons, and many others.

### Class Schedule for Each Community

Monday's beginning May 19th:  
Littlepage Terrace 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Oakhurst Village 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday's beginning May 20th:  
Dunbar 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Manager's Office  
Rand 4:00-5:00 p.m. - Manager's Office

Wednesday's beginning May 21st:  
Orchard Manor 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Hillcrest Village 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday's beginning May 22nd:  
Washington Manor 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
South Park 4:00-5:00 p.m.

\*\* All classes are held in the Community Rooms at each site unless otherwise noted for an eight week period.

For more information contact:  
Ed Schoettker, Safe & Drug Free Coordinator  
348-6451 ext. 354 or 546-5209

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U.S. Department of Education Communities Act

## Resident Council Quarterly Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff and resident council officers met on April 24, 2008 for their quarterly meeting. There were council representatives from Lippert Terrace, Carroll Terrace and Washington Manor. Each council representative gave updates on activities and CKHA housing managers gave updates on community activities at sites without representation.

Lippert Terrace has a breakfast cafe on Tuesday's and Thursday's. They have regular activities such as computer classes, bingo and bible study and many planned activities such as a mothers day party & indoor picnic.

Carroll Terrace is in the process of assigning garden plots for those that wish to participate. They are also planning many activities such as a mothers day reception, big breakfast, participation in the East End sale, council election and gospel sing.

Washington Manor gave out 70 circus tickets. They are working on their by-laws and budget and they are looking for volunteers for their summer lunch program. They are also planning a bake sale for the beginning of May.

CKHA Managers gave updates for their sites, most of which are without an active resident council.

- Lee Terrace has activities such as bingo and church. Orchard Manor will have a community garden this year and there will be a block party on 5-14-08 hosted by Super Kids.
- Littlepage is focusing on the new construction and forthcoming demolition. Personal care products and clothes were distributed to residents.
- Rand/Dunbar, South Park, Jarrett, Hillcrest/Oakhurst are all trying to get residents interested in forming a resident council.

Director of Special Projects, Kenny Powell spoke about the renovations to the administrative buildings located on the 1500 block of West Washington Street. Mr. Powell also explained that there is a \$150.00 limit for plants.

Director of Housing Initiatives, Ray Marsh, discussed the redevelopment activities planned for Washington Manor and Littlepage Terrace. He announced the upcoming community meetings at both locations.

Executive Director, Mark Taylor, took comments and questions from those in attendance and addressed the issues presented.