



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

April 2009

Public Housing FSS Graduate



Brenda Brandon began the public housing Family Self Sufficiency Program in January 2006. Ms. Brandon set her goals to get a better education, obtain transportation, improve her credit and get a better job.

Ms. Brandon worked at Thomas Memorial Hospital in food preparation for six years prior to starting the FSS Program. She had to leave the job for medical reasons and decided at that time to return to school. She enrolled at Ben Franklin in 2007 and graduated in June 2008 as a certified Medical Assistant.

Ms Brandon also completed credit counseling through Consumer Credit Counseling Service. She is currently employed full-time at CAMC.

We are very proud to present Ms. Brandon with her Certificate of Completion and escrow check.

Pictured above from left: Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator, Brenda Brandon and Marva Lewis, Director of Client Services.

Resident Comment Line



We Want to Hear from You!
348-1096

All calls are welcome and remain anonymous.

Helping Babies & Children



Residents at Lippert Terrace and Jarrett Terrace have contributed time and money to make quilts and pillowcases for babies and children at Women's and Children's Hospital.

Pictured top from left: Jean Walton, Lola Cottrell and Donna Matheny from Lippert Terrace with baby quilts for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, NICU, at Women's and Children's Hospital. The quilts are for the newborns who are having problems and they take them home with them on their departure from the hospital.

The ladies also make pillowcases for the children who are undergoing chemo therapy for cancer at Women's and Children's. The pillowcases also go home with the patient when they leave the hospital. Pictured bottom: Carolyn Nicholas from Jarrett Terrace with quilts for the babies.

These brightly colored pillowcases and quilts have been appreciated by families and staff and the hospital. These ladies are doing a wonderful service to families who need a little something to brighten their day during a difficult time.

Resident Council Quarterly Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff and resident council officers met on April 30, 2009 for their quarterly meeting. There were council representatives from Lippert Terrace, Jarrett Terrace, Washington Manor, Littlepage Terrace, Orchard Manor and South Park. 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 and lunch every Wednesday. They had Easter & Valentines Day dinners and a hot dog sale. The council is in the process of planning a July 4th picnic, a gospel sing and a pig-in-a-poke sale.

Washington Manor gave out 48 vouchers for Disney on Ice and 55 circus tickets. They are working on rebuilding their council. The community had an Easter Egg Hunt and is planning a mothers day project.

Jarrett Terrace has a new council office. They had a hot dog sale, rummage sale and nachos sale. They picked up tulip bulbs from the City of Charleston. The council is planning a bean dinner and ice cream social.

Littlepage Terrace residents participated in training at the Schoenbaum Family Enrichment Center regarding housing discrimination. Teen Direct Action Welfare Group, DAWG, and Step-by-Step attended the council luncheon to discuss their programs.

Orchard Manor is working on their garden and 13 people are committed. Every 3rd Thursday, they have an activity for youth in the community. They are working with an outside agency to get their resident council official.

South Park Village is focusing on reaching out to 7 and 8 year olds. There are several programs getting started, "God's Unlimited Soldiers" will have a fundraiser for the children in the community. Also having a training on "What it takes to be a Man."

Mark Taylor, Executive Director discussed the enforcement of rent collection because of delinquent accounts becoming such an issue. He said that rent is due on the first of the month and by the 2nd month all rent must be paid and no partial payments will be accepted. Managers have been instructed to start the eviction process once the account is past due for the second consecutive month.

Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator, spoke to the group about problems with garbage in the developments. The dumpsters are overflowing and there are times when they are blocked by a vehicle and cannot be emptied on trash pick-up day. Also, large items need to be placed by the dumpster so that our maintenance can dispose of them. The trash company will not pick-up furniture or other large items.

Ms. Lewis reported that there will be some upcoming education for residents on proper disposal of trash and that trash bags found in parking lots or beside the dumpster will be identified and the resident will be charged.

Kenny Powell, Director of Special Projects, stated that he is working with councils to get their lists for flowers and there is \$150 available for each location. He asked that all councils get their lists to their manager. He also discussed the plans for the stimulus money which includes unit conversions at Lee Terrace, paving at all locations, kitchens and baths at Oakhurst and erosion problems at Rand. He also reported on the progress of the new administration building.

Ray Marsh, Director of Housing Initiatives, discussed council budgets and which communities had legitimate resident councils.

Marva Williams, Director of Client Services, discussed the proper method for making an application and adding someone to the lease. Marva is the 504 Coordinator and can assist residents who need a reasonable accommodation due to a disability.

Dale Whitehair, Safety and Security Coordinator, announced that there are new police officers at several sites. He said they are available to residents in their community to respond to disturbances, assist in elections and lock-outs. Mr. Whitehair reminded residents that if they need a tape reviewed due to an incident, let the police or CKHA know the date and time within a reasonable period, two weeks, because some cameras record over the tape within this time frame.

Pernell McCoy, Director of Housing Management, discussed babysitting services. He stated that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority has voted not to allow babysitting in CKHA properties due to the liability issues. Also, income was not being claimed for these services. Mr. McCoy stated that there would be a meeting on May 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and DHHR and Legal Aid will be available to discuss child care services. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss whether or not there can be a resolution for babysitting services to be offered and how residents who are interested can become certified and insured.