



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

November/December 2007

PHADA Scholarships

The Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, PHADA, is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$7,000 and two scholarships in the amount of \$5000. Eligibility:

- Must be a high school senior and reside in public housing or section 8 managed unit throughout entire senior year.
- Minimum of "B" average

If you are interested in applying for the PHADA scholarship, please see your housing manager for a complete scholarship application as soon as possible. There are several documents needed to accompany your application such as transcripts, letters of reference and a 350-500 essay.

The applications are due by February 11, 2008 and must include a letter and certification from the Executive Director of the housing authority. To request a letter of recommendation, please contact Michele Hatfield at 348-6451 ext. 313

Thanksgiving Dinners



Many Charleston-Kanawha Housing communities held dinners and events over the holiday season. Residents at Lippert Terrace, pictured above, fill their plates during their Thanksgiving celebration.

Resident Comment Line

We Want to Hear from You!

348-1096



All calls are welcome and remain anonymous.

FSS Grant Funds Awarded

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded \$59.1 million to hundreds of public housing agencies (PHAs) across the nation to help low-income individuals get job training and employment placement. Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority received \$43,255 for the public housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

"Thousands of people will get the assistance they need to help them find jobs that will get them on the road to financial independence," said HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson who announced the funding. "Some families have become homeowners or debt-free as a result of this program, thanks to their commitment and determination to thrive."

The funding is provided through HUD's Family Self-Sufficiency Program which encourages communities to develop local strategies to help families who live in public housing obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. PHAs work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain employment.

The funding is distributed to PHAs, which allows them to hire or retain FSS coordinators on staff to assist adult residents to find employment. The coordinators link participants to resources in the community that can help with their job search, such as job training opportunities, employment placement programs or local employers. The coordinators also help individuals locate childcare, counseling services, and transportation, which are often times impediments to employment.

Participants sign a contract that stipulates the head of the household will find suitable employment and the family will be off of welfare assistance within five years. Because public housing rents are tied to income, when income rises, rent rises. With the FSS program, the rent increase is paid to the PHA, but goes into an interest-bearing escrow account. If the participant successfully graduates from the program, he or she can use the escrow account for a variety of goals, including down payment on a home, starting a business, paying back debts or paying educational expenses.

Relationship Program at Littlepage

WITHIN MY REACH®

Your love life is not neutral. What happens in ones romantic attachments will affect the possibility of success in every other aspect of life-especially in child rearing and employment. Success in life on virtually every dimension depends on success in relationships. Learn how to communicate positively and make better decisions.

Join us for Within My Reach®! West Virginia State University Extension will offer the Within My Reach® relationship enhancement course starting on Tuesday, January 15th, 2008 in the Community Room. Classes will be from 3-4:15p.m. The classes will be held weekly for 12-15 weeks. Please register with Dave Wagner in the Community Room .

Classes are Free!!! All participants will be provided with a workbook and a certificate of completion.

SNACKS WILL BE SERVED!!
Space is limited!!!! Register now!!!!!!

Go From This.....



To This!!!!



Skills for Managing Your Anger & Body

The Safe & Drug Free Communities Program is excited to offer an interactive curriculum, *Skills for Managing Your Anger & Body*.

This program will kickoff on February 4, 2008 & is available for parents and children of all ages.

Skills for Managing Your Anger & Body focuses on anger management skills, cool down techniques, and personal hygiene & works on ways to keep a healthy body and mind.

Community Service hours available for each class attended. Residents are also eligible for prizes and incentives for attending class sessions.

Class schedule starting February 4, 2008:

Class sessions are conducted at the community room located at each site unless otherwise noted:

Monday February 4, 2008 and each Monday thereafter for 6 weeks

Littlepage Terrace 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Oakhurst Village 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday February 5, 2008 and each Tuesday thereafter for 6 weeks

Dunbar 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Manager’s Office-Marshall Avenue
Rand 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Manager’s Office-Glade Avenue

Wednesday February 6, 2008 and each Wednesday thereafter for 6 weeks

Orchard Manor 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Computer Lab-Within Switzer Center
Hillcrest Village 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday February 7, 2008 and each Thursday thereafter for 6 weeks

Washington Manor 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
South Park 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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