



# Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

June 2008

## Senior Expo



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority participated in the Senior Expo at the Charleston Civic Center May 20th and 21st. More than 500 people stopped by CKHA's exhibit. Several residents were spotted at the red, white and blue themed event:

Chris Parrish  
Jarrett Terrace



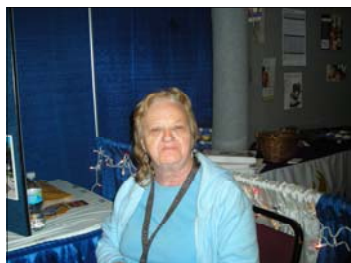
Judith Ellard  
Jarrett Terrace

Thelma  
Bowman  
Jarrett Terrace



Sharon  
Lunsford,  
Washington  
Manor

Pauline Stanley  
Carroll Terrace



## Public Housing FSS Update

The Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program has had three successful participants in 2008.

Marie Foster started the program in August 2006. While on the program, she became employed and established a positive escrow account. Ms. Foster reached the goal of becoming free from all assistance, moved into a new tax credit unit in January, 2008 and received her escrow check. Pictured above is from left: Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator, Marie Foster and Marva Williams, Director of Client Services.



Felicia Lopez began the FSS program in February, 2006. Ms. Lopez is attending West Virginia State University and is a 4.0 student. She is employed full-time with ResCare and reached the goal of becoming free from all assistance. Ms. Lopez came off of the FSS program after accepting a new tax credit unit in January 2008. "The FSS program and my new apartment have been a positive change for me and my children." Pictured above: Felicia Lopez & her son with Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator.



Kimberly Witcher began the FSS program in February 2006. Ms. Witcher became employed at the Department of Health and Human Resources as an Information Desk Attendant. Ms. Witcher also achieved the goal of becoming free from welfare assistance and came off of the program after receiving her new tax credit unit in January 2008.



We congratulate all three of these ladies for reaching for their goals and receiving one of the newly constructed townhomes. If you would like to find out more about participating on the public housing FSS program, please contact Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator at 348-6451 ext. 307.

### New Faces at Charleston-Kanawha Housing

Clifton Clark was hired on 5/19/08 as an Accountant I in the Finance Department. Clifton is a recent graduate of West Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. He was a tax intern at Chambers, Paterno & Associates during the 2008 tax season and was employed on a part-time basis at Tri-State Racetrack for six years. Clifton achieved the Dean's List in 2005, 2006 and 2007. His education in the accounting field will be an asset to the Finance Department, and we welcome Clifton to Charleston-Kanawha Housing.



### Resident Comment Line

We Want to Hear from You!



348-1096

All calls are welcome and remain anonymous.



Debbie Knox, resident of Carroll Terrace, hold a vase of beautiful flowers grown in their community garden.

### Guiding Good Choices Program

The Families That Care: Guiding Good Choices (Parents and Children Ages 4-18) program will give parents and guardians the knowledge and skills needed to guide their children through early adolescence and will address drug use, family communication and conflict resolution.

This Proven Effective Program will offer choices on parenting & drugs, increase parental supervision and monitoring and promote family bonding & communication.

Using Interactive Video & Curriculum Guiding Good Choices, teaches these skills:

- ☺ How to prevent drug use in your family
- ☺ How to say no to drugs
- ☺ How to control and express anger
- ☺ How to develop clear standards and beliefs
- ☺ How to strengthen family bonds

#### GUIDING GOOD CHOICES

Kickoff week 7/16/07

Available for parents and children of all ages

The program focuses on ways to say "no" and reduce substance abuse, recognizes personal anger signals & examines personal power.

Community Service hours available for each class attended

Prizes and incentives for attending class Sessions (POWER TICKETS, YMCA PASSES, KANAWHA PARK POOL PASSES, WENDY'S, and many more)

#### Class schedule starting July 16, 2007

Each session is held at each respective sites community room unless noted:

Monday July 16, 2007 and each Monday thereafter for 6 weeks:

Orchard Manor	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Computer Lab within Switzer Center	
Oakhurst	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday July 17, 2007 and each Tuesday thereafter for 6 weeks:

Littlepage	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Rand	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Main Office-Glade Avenue	

Wednesday July 18, 2007 and each Wednesday thereafter for 6 weeks:

Washington Manor	2:00 pm- 3:00 pm
Hillcrest Village	4:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Thursday July 19, 2007 and each Thursday thereafter for 6 weeks:

West Dunbar	1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
Ferguson Memorial Baptist Church	
South Park	3:00 pm- 4:00 pm