



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

May 2007

Senior Expo

Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority participated in the Senior Expo at the Charleston Civic Center May 15th and 16th. More than 500 people stopped by CKHA's exhibit. Several residents were spotted at the event:



Mary Morgan
Jarrett Terrace



Jack Mitchell
Jarrett Terrace



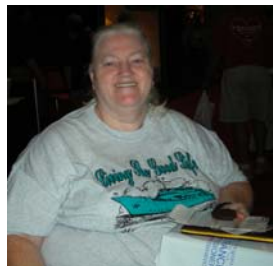
Jean Walton
Lippert Terrace



Tammie Songer
Lee Terrace



Phyllis Martin (left)
Carroll Terrace



Judith Ellard
Jarrett Terrace



Chris Parrish (left)
Jarrett Terrace



Janet Miller &
Glenna Jennings
Lippert Terrace



Evelyn Adkins
Carroll Terrace

FSS Update



Crystal Cohen received her completion certificate and escrow check at the Board of Commissioners meeting on May 21, 2007. Ms. Cohen entered into the Section 8 program the later part of 1999. In April 2004 she became head of household and decided to enroll in the FSS program. During her 3 years she has completed a certificate in Phlebotomy at Carver Career Center and an Associates Degree in Nursing from the University of Charleston.

Crystal is currently working at St. Francis Hospital as a Surgical Nurse. She has worked out a schedule that allows her to pursue her career and still have time to spend with her children in the evenings and weekends. Crystal has come along way in such a short time, she is even in the process of purchasing a home which is being built by RCCR and should be completed by fall 2007. Crystal currently resides in South Charleston with her three children.

Her words of wisdom or encouragement for a family just entering into the FSS program: Make clear goals. Sometimes things change, and you have to change your goals as well. But, as long as you are working towards something you are

Public Housing FSS

FSS participant Damita Green began the public housing FSS Program in December 2005. She set a goal to attend school to become a phlebotomist, attended Garnet Career Center, achieved her goal and began working at CAMC in May 2006. Damita is well on her way to achieving self-sufficiency.



New Faces at Charleston-Kanawha Housing

Holly Eades was hired on May 29, 2007 as Administrative Assistant for the Housing Management and Special Projects Departments. Holly was previously employed by the YWCA as an



Administrative Assistant. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in Business from King College in Tennessee where she graduated Cum Laude with Honors in Independent Studies. She brings with her excellent computer skills and office experience. We welcome Holly to Charleston-Kanawha Housing

"I Like To Write"

by
Kenneth Booth Jr.
Resident of Littlepage Terrace

Dear Mother;

Where do I start? First I just want to say, thank you for all you have done for me throughout my life. I know it hasn't been easy being a single parent and all, but you did it, and you did it well. I never told you this but you are the one person that has inspired me the most in this world. I look up to you like no other. For you to be a single parent, raise 3 children, adopt 1 to make it 4 and be a grandmother all at the same time, why wouldn't I look up to a person like you. It's been 17 years since I've been around and I know you hate the fact that I'm almost grown but I'm loving every bit of it, that's until I get out there in the real world...You always say it's no joke out there and to stay young while I can, but with me being under you all my life and watching how you operate, I'll be A-OK because I'm going to be just like you. They don't call me Daddy, aka, Momma's Boy for nothing...I Love you mother with all my heart and I wouldn't trade you for the world...Thanks

Love,
Momma's Boy

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
- 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 - 3:00 pm Computer Lab within Switzer Center

Oakhurst 4 - 5:00 pm

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

Littlepage 3 - 4:00 pm

Rand 5 - 6:00 pm Main Office-Glade Avenue

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

Washington Manor 2- 3:00 pm

Hillcrest Village 4- 5:00 pm

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

West Dunbar 1- 2:00 pm Ferguson

Memorial Baptist Church

South Park 3- 4:00 pm