

Congratulations to our 2015 Albert H. McIlwain Scholarship Winners!

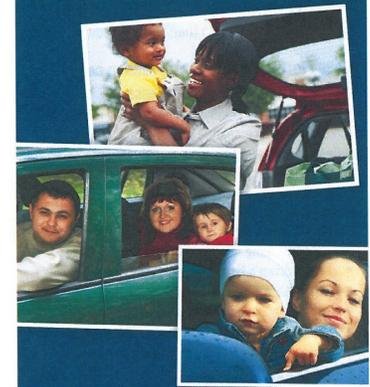
For over 20 years, the Albert H. McIlwain Scholarship has provided educational opportunities to worthy members of the Stark County community. Annually, SMHA honors two Public Housing or Section 8 clients with a \$500 scholarship to help fulfill academic and career goals. These scholarships are an intricate part of SMHA's goal to develop opportunities for our residents to build leadership skills, a strong work ethic, and foster education and career success. The McIlwain Scholarship recipients were honored at the July 23rd SMHA Board Meeting.



Takeyia Moore, a 2015 graduate of Timken High School who is ranked 11th in her class of 185 students, plans on attending Central State University and majoring in Broadcast Media and Communications. Joseph Dixon, a North Canton Fire and EMS worker, is currently pursuing a BA in Psychology from Kent State University with the goal of furthering his education to become a physician's assistant. On behalf of the SMHA Board of Directors and the entire staff, we would like to extend our congratulations to Takeyia and Joseph and wish them the best in their future endeavors!



Helping drive people towards a brighter future.



- Affordable vehicle loans
- Focused financial education
- Support for credit challenged families



United Way's "Ways To Work" helps people get to work with a car loan.

Find out if you are eligible for the Ways to Work car loan program. General eligibility requirements include:

- Hard-working resident of Stark County
- Valid driver's license
- 18+ years of age
- Challenged credit history
- Ability to repay loan and costs related to car ownership, including full coverage insurance
- Employed for at least 3 months, working no less than 20 hours per week
- Yearly household income less than 80% of area median income. Stark County median income is around \$53,000.

Contact us today at (330) 491-9984!

IT'S THE LAW

The Fair Housing Act protects persons with disabilities. A disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity (including such activities as walking, talking, thinking, eating, seeing, hearing, working, caring for oneself, or major bodily functions). The impairment must be permanent or of long-term duration. Temporary conditions such as pregnancy or a broken bone would usually not qualify. Note that the degree of limitation must be "substantial". Some conditions (such as blindness, deafness, or inability to walk) will always impair a major life activity, while many conditions (such as epilepsy) in some individuals would substantially limit a major life activity, but in other individuals do not. These situations are judged on a case-by-case basis.



SMHA is committed to fair housing and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me, Corey Minor-Smith, at (330) 454-8051 ext. 362.

SMHA Resident Association

All residents are invited to attend SMHA Resident Association meetings. We have guest speakers, important information for residents, tips and ideas for creating a better living environment. Light refreshments are served. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the SMHA Central office in downtown Canton

at 6:00pm. Transportation is available. Call Diane Starkey at (330) 680-4357 for more information.



Does your building or neighborhood have a resident council? Would you be interested in starting a resident council?

If so, contact the Resident Association president, Penny Holm, at (330) 546-9354 for more information.

The YWCA Canton has recently received funding to provide comprehensive Early Head Start child development and family support services to low income families with children from birth to age three in Stark County.

The YWCA plans to provide high quality, comprehensive early learning experiences to infants and toddlers.

Enrollment applications can be found at www.ywcaearlyheadstart.com or call (330) 453-7644 and ask for Early Head Start. Families are automatically eligible if they are homeless, the child is in foster care, or the family receives TANF or SSI.



SMHA SECURITY HOTLINE
(330) 454-3338

Report lease violations including criminal and drug activity on the **CONFIDENTIAL** 24/7 Information Hotline.

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Fugitive Safe Surrender Program

What is Fugitive Safe Surrender?

Fugitive Safe Surrender is a creative, and highly successful, initiative that encourages persons with a non-violent felony or misdemeanor warrant to voluntarily surrender to the law in a faith-based or other neutral setting. Fugitive Safe Surrender offers individuals with felony and misdemeanor warrants the ability to turn themselves in to law enforcement and have their cases adjudicated in a safe environment.

Fugitive Safe Surrender has two goals.

The first goal is to reduce the risk to law enforcement officers who pursue fugitives, to the neighborhoods in which they hide, and to the fugitives themselves. The second goal is to clear up court dockets and paperwork to allow them to more efficiently service the community.

Stark County will host a Fugitive Safe Surrender at Trinity Gospel Temple, 1612 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, OH 44708.

Wednesday, September 30, 2015	9:00am—5:00pm
Thursday, October 1, 2015	9:00am—5:00pm
Friday, October 2, 2015	9:00am—5:00pm
Saturday, October 3, 2015	9:00am—5:00pm