



Resident Services coordinates programs, activities, and services offered to residents which include, but are not limited to:

- Public Housing Newsletter– This newsletter is mailed directly to residents in their rent statement. The newsletter provides current and pertinent resident information to all residents residing in SMHA. Copies of the newsletter are also available at the management offices.
- Building Foundation Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)- FSS is an employment and savings incentive program for Section 8 & Public Housing families. FSS provides support to residents who has or will increase their earned income and reduce their dependence on public assistance programs.
- House Keeping & New Resident Orientation- Residents receive assistance with housekeeping tips & cleaning supplies. Residents also learn what services and referrals Resident Services provides.

- Albert H. McIlwain Scholarship– This scholarship is available to SMHA public housing and Section 8 residents. Two awards are given each year in the amount of \$500 and applications are available in early March. Other scholarships may be available upon request.
- Ohio Housing Authorities Conference William F. Gandert OHAC Scholarship- Up to 6 annual scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each for students enrolling in or attending an Accredited College, University, Community College, Technical or Vocational school.
- *THRIVE*: Community Health Worker. Our Community Health Worker meets with SMHA residents who are pregnant or have children under the age of one. CHW's assist with Safe Sleep Classes, Food, Clothing, Diapers, and other resources that the family may need assistance with.
- Summer Lunch Program– Children 18 and under are invited to eat lunch at various SMHA sites throughout the summer months.
- Resident Councils- Residents of a development can organize a group led by officers, with the goal of promoting resident programs and services leading to self-sufficiency, quality living, etc. Resident Services lends support and guidance to councils.

Senior Living

By working in partnership with the public and private sectors, SMHA provides many services for senior residents.

They include but are not limited to:

- Flu Immunization– Walgreens pharmacy of North Canton provide influenza vaccines to qualifying residents of SMHA in their community rooms.
- Food Vouchers– Through various agencies when funding is available, food vouchers are provided to our senior and disabled residents.
- Meals on Wheels– At four locations, you can purchase a hot, nutritious meal provided by the Meals on Wheels foundation for a \$3.00 suggested donation.



RESIDENT SERVICES PARTNERS/REFERRALS

Area Agency of Aging
Canton City Schools
Canton Parks and Recreation
Catholic Charities
Community Christmas
Domestic Violence Project
Early Childhood Resource Center
Edward "Peel" Coleman Center
Fatherhood Coalition
First Christian Church
Greater Stark County Urban League
Great Stark for Great Futures
Love the Children
Meals on Wheels
Mercy Hospital
Ohio Association of Foodbanks
Ohio State Expanded Food and
Nutrition Education Program
Ohio Guidestone
Plain Local Schools
Sarah Care
SARTA
Senior Day at the Civic Center
Stark County Community Action
Agency
Stark County Council on Aging
Stark County District Library
Stark County Job & Family Services
Stark County Mental Health Addition
-Recovery
Stark County Prosecutor's Office
Stark County Safe Sleep Task Force
Stark Fresh
Stark State College
Summit Youth Employment
THRIVE
United Way
YMCA

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