



RESIDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Back-2-School Giveaway & Community Resource Fair



On Friday, August 12, Future Promise and SMHA presented a Back 2 School event, held at Jackson Sherrick, in Southeast Canton. It was a huge success! Well over 25 sponsors provided resources to the community which included school supplies and over 425 backpacks, haircuts, manicures, and hair braided styles, just to name a few! Additionally, sponsors shared information with regard to employment, education, literacy, housing, and program opportunities. The fair contained a festival vibe with bouncy houses, games, popcorn, snow cones, and hotdogs. Future Promise, led by Tori Fontes, is a Limited Liability Corporation founded 15 years ago and serves youth with a focus on youth development.



SMHA WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

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Call 2-1-1 or visit www.211oh.org

Counseling on food, health care, and other resources. 211 is FREE, accessible 24/7/365 and completely confidential.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Safety and Security for our residents and all SMHA staff, especially maintenance and property staff out at our properties, is a priority for SMHA. SHMA has a confidential HOTLINE telephone number (330-454-3338) for residents to provide information or bring to our attention issues with security and safety. The HOTLINE telephone number is reviewed on a regular basis. For immediate assistance please contact your local Law-Enforcement or call 9-1-1 for an emergency. Please utilize this confidential HOTLINE to help SMHA help you with security and safety.

Sincerely, Jeff Patterson, CPA (inactive), MBA Interim Executive Director Deputy and Finance Director

JURISDICTION WIDE RESIDENT COUNCIL

You are invited to the Jurisdiction Wide Resident Council Meeting!

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 6:00 PM at SMHA's Central Office 400 E Tuscarawas St. Canton, OH 44702

RSVP is required. Contact Diana Hickman at (330) 481-9344 to reserve your space and secure transportation. Please let us know if special transportation accommodations are needed. RSVP Deadline: September 13, 2022

ACTIVE RESIDENT COUNCILS:

Plaza Terrace Apartments- Canton
Next meeting Tues. September 13th
at 7PM

Hart Apartments-Alliance
Next meeting Mon. September 12th at
6PM

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HOUSEKEEPING AND JANITORIAL TRAINING



SMHA residents participated in a Housekeeping and Janitorial Training cohort, offered by Goodwill Industries. This two (2) day training included: introduction to basic housekeeping, purpose of training, soft skills – which includes: attendance; punctuality; dress code; working with teams; and appropriate behaviors/discussions/professionalism; and interviewing skills.

Residents received a certificate of completion and will follow up with SMHA about the process for potential job opportunities within SMHA. SMHA plans to have another cohort offered soon. Questions about this training or other programs and services offered by the Resident Services Department, contact rs@starkmha.org or call (330) 454-8051 Ext. 309.

Y-ON-THE-FLY FALL SCHEDULE



YMCA's Y-on-the-Fly program has a new fall Schedule. The fall schedule will run August 20th – October 28th at the following sites: Jackson Sherrick, Tuesdays 5PM-7PM and Ellisdale Homes, Thursdays 5PM-7PM. They will bring games, snacks, and fun for students in grades 3rd-8th. For more information contact Tony Richards at arichards@ymca.org

FREE HOME BUYER WORKSHOP



Are you ready to begin the road toward home ownership, but don't know where to start? Community Building Partnership will walk you through the steps to your first purchase, from obtaining mortgage pre-approval, to selecting the perfect real estate agent. They will be hosting a Home Buyer Workshop on September 21,2022 at 3:30 PM via Zoom. To register call (330) 458-0962.

Meet with a representative from Community Building Partnership during Resident Services Office hours at these locations: Thursday, September 15th at Jackson Sherrick, 10:00 AM and Thursday, September 22nd at Linwood Acres, 10:00 AM.





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DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIPS

YMCA Voucher Program

Resident Services provides all residents of SMHA with YMCA vouchers that provide discounted annual membership pricing. YMCA locations also offer yearly, semi-annual, and quarterly payment options for SMHA residents dependent upon the location. For a YMCA Voucher Application, call (330) 454-8051 ext 309.











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Pop-up Food Pantry at Jackson Sherrick



The Akron-Canton Food Bank is partnering with SMHA to provide a pop-up food pantry at Jackson Sherrick Homes.

The pop-up pantry visit is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. If you have any questions about the pop-up pantry, call (330) 535-6900.

Stark FreshMobile Grocery Market
May 31st- September 29th

Wednesday

12:35 PM-1:15 PM -Lincoln Apts.

Thursday

11:15 AM-11:55 AM -Alliance Towers

1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays 1:10 PM-2:00 PM -Hart Apts.

2nd & 4th Thursday

1:30 PM-2:15 PM -Cherrie Turner Towers



Unable to visit Resident Services during monthly onsite office hours?

Call to schedule an appointment or discuss service/program needs with a member of our team.

(330) 454-8051 ext 309

