

THE ORACLE

The Kind Of People That Make Things Happen by Maria Calcaben



Volunteers of the San Marcos Housing Authority come in different ages and with different talents. Some volunteers are students from Texas State University, willing to share their time and knowledge. Others are residents of the Housing Authority who, having little in the way of money or material goods to share, nevertheless are able to provide service to others. Some work with the elderly, giving them companionship and involving them in activities. Yet others work with children as role models and confidants. As diverse as our volunteers are, they have two things in common: an open heart and dedication. Each volunteer uses whatever talents or resources they possess to make a difference. The Housing Authority held a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in January to express our gratitude to our most dedicated volunteers from 2011 and 2012. The volunteers that attended served 50 or more hours in a year and have been responsible for extraordinary accomplishments with our programs.

For the C. M. Allen Homes, a big thanks to Laura Ward (160 hours), Amy Ward (80 hours), and Mrs. Monseratte Fernandez, who served over 1,200 hours in both 2011 and 2012. She does so much, we have a hard time keeping track of it! Mrs. Fernandez was recognized as the Top Volunteer at C. M. Allen for both 2011 and 2012. We should also note that her volunteer time is above and beyond her part-time employment as our Kid's Cafe Cook at the KAD Korner Store.

For the Allen Woods Homes, a high-five for volunteers Don Thorndyke (50 hours), Justine Esparza (123 hours), Britany Watson (131 hours), and Pablo Gomez (1,809 hours in 2011 and 1,634 hours in 2012). Pablo Gomez was recognized as the Top Volunteer at Allen Woods for 2011 and 2012.

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The Housing Authority has two gas dryers for sale. If you are interested, contact our Maintenance Shop at 754-6036.

- ★ The CTMC HEALTH Check will be on Thursday, April 18 at the Embassy Suites. More than \$500 in valuable health screenings and services are provided for a low \$45 fee! The Housing Authority will host a **blood draw**, which will be open to the public, on February 27, from 8 - 10 AM, in the Dining Room at the main office of the Allen Woods Homes. The \$45 fee is payable by check or cash. Sorry, Medicare or Medicaid will not be accepted. If you are interested, you must call 353-5059 to RSVP by February 15. Your results will be available at the Health Check in April.

- ★ HOUSING PROGRAM WAITING LISTS:

- Public Housing - Accepting applications for 2, 3, and 4-bedroom units
- Springtown Villa - Accepting applications for 2-bedroom units (elderly and disabled only)
- Housing Choice Voucher - Not accepting applications at this time

