



The Nelrod Education Fund (NEF) Scholarship for Underserved Youth

Deadline: June 2, 2017

Scholarship Notification: After July 31, 2017

Purpose: To provide educational and personal development opportunities to empower underserved, low-income youth residing in public and assisted housing who demonstrate a mature work ethic and an extra-ordinary will to succeed despite a lack of traditional resources.

Award Components: 1 (one) \$1,000 Scholarship sufficient to encourage further education and to defray a portion of the cost and other materials. The number of eligible awards will be based on funding availability and the number of applicants.

Award Eligibility Criteria:

Applicant must be a current High school junior or senior, no older than 22 years of age. Must reside in government subsidized or other participating low-income housing provided by a Nelrod Consortium Partner Agency for no less than two years prior to award. (That includes the SMHA.) Must be member of a "low-income" designated family. All public housing and section 8 residents are eligible. Must be a "C" or "Near 'C'" average student with a cumulative GPA not to exceed 3.5 or be lower than 2.0 on the 4.0 grading scale. Must have Work Experience, community service experience, or extra-curricular involvement. Must have plans to attend an accredited 4 or 2 year University or college, or other vocational, trade school, or career development program. Scholarship funds released to winners upon verification of College or trade school enrollment by the NEF. Note: Scholarship Awardees have one year post High School graduation to utilize scholarship funds.

Questions: Please contact Tracie Martinez at:
817-922-9000 ext. 124 or email: tracie@nelrod.com

The **Nelrod Consortium**

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: Don't Let This Happen to Your Dog

Our Pet Policy and City Ordinances prohibit dogs running loose in the community. If you have a dog, it must be under your control on a leash any time it is outside. Your beloved pooch could end up in doggie jail . . . or worse . . . and you could be required to remove your pet permanently or face eviction. It's not worth it. Do yourself and your pet a favor. Take them for regular walks. The exercise is good for both of you.

And please don't leave the poop for someone else to deal with. Be a good neighbor!



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

GALLETAS DE MANTEQUILLA FÁCILES

Ingredientes

- 100g mantequilla o margarina
- 150g harina
- 50g azúcar
- Una pizca de sal

Batimos la mantequilla junto con el azúcar utilizando unas varillas manuales (recordad sacar la mantequilla un ratito antes de preparar la receta para poder trabajarla mejor).

Incorporamos la harina y una pizca de sal. Mezclamos bien con la manos hasta conseguir una masa sin grumos, envolvemos en papel film y ponemos en la nevera durante 30 minutos.



Transcurrido el tiempo, formamos pequeñas bolitas y las disponemos sobre papel de hornear o una lamina de silicona sobre la bandeja de hornear.

Con un tenedor marcamos el centro para dibujar unas bonitas rayas en las galletas y colocamos en el horno a 180º con calor arriba y abajo durante 20 minutos. El tiempo es orientativo, recordad estar atentos... Cuando lleguéis a los 15 minutos, tienen que estar doraditas pero no en exceso.

Transcurrido el tiempo retiramos del horno y dejamos enfriar sobre una rejilla.

Source: <http://www.pequerecetas.com/receta/>

Easter in Our Neighborhood



Heavy rain couldn't stop our neighborhood from celebrating together for Easter! Although the annual egg hunt at Springtown was cancelled, the generosity of Springtown residents shone through with their donations of eggs so the kids were still able to hunt for eggs at the PODER Center! The kids who were not able to attend were given buckets of eggs the next day. The kids also got to dye hardboiled eggs, color wooden eggs donated by United Way, and take pictures with an Easter Bunny Poster! The kids weren't the only ones that had fun! Meals-on-Wheels diners at the Allen Woods Dining Room enjoyed a fish fry thanks to Resident Assembly Vice-President Jesus Martinez. They had fish, mussels, fries, and other delicious foods! On the right is Meals-on-Wheels Site Manager Beatrice Pacheco alongside Derek, a dedicated volunteer.

Healthy Eating, Healthy Futures



Thanks to the Hays County Food Bank, our kids can now make healthier choices on the foods they eat. The kids were given a different lesson eight weeks in a row. The lessons included the basic food groups, proper portions, and sugars and their effects. After each lesson, a game helped the kids retain the information. Each class ended with a different type of hands-on

recipe the kids enjoyed! Some of the most popular recipes included a fruit parfait, an apple sandwich, and even a healthy "rice crispy," which used rice cakes and fruits. The last class included a review of the things they learned during the course and what they remembered from the classes.



Springtown Villa



Arleen Machado was the top volunteer for Springtown Villa this year. Some of her hobbies include cooking, crocheting, and volunteering. Arleen served as an officer on the Resident Council. When her health permitted, she would cook and invite friends and neighbors over for a meal. She loves giving back to the community and even donated a blanket to raffle off to raise money for our Resident Council, even after she was no longer a resident. Everything she does comes from the kindness of her heart, and she expects nothing in return. Arleen is deeply missed at Springtown Villa but Allen Woods has gained a great person and they are very lucky to have her. We wish Arleen the best of luck at her new home, with a big hug from her friends at Springtown !

Our residents Ramona, Nora, Cathy, and Roland are enjoying a Wii Game day.

The name of the game they are playing is Wii Sports. Their favorite is bowling.



Residents helping our Resident Services intern get the Easter eggs ready for the annual PODER egg hunt! Our residents look forward to this event every year but this year we had to cancel due to bad weather. Our residents were very disappointed but the good news is that we were able to deliver the eggs to the kids with the help of Senior Service Coordinator Maria Calcaben!



For our Easter Celebration our residents had some home cooked food from some of the Texas State students. They also had an Easter egg hunt, door prizes, and a salsa dance performance by the Texas State Latinos Dance Company. The celebration was sponsored by the following Texas State organizations: Generation Connections, Women of Gold, Latinos Dance, Black Men United at Texas State. The goal of the Generation Connections organization is to bring together different generations to learn from each other, communicate with and better understand each other. By doing this, they are hoping to build long lasting intergenerational friendships.

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Thanks to Kappa Delta Chi Sorority for sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children to enjoy. It was such joy to see all the kids smiling faces. They all wanted to be the one that collected the most Easter candy.



My name is Lauren Espinosa and I am a social work major at Texas State University. I have been volunteering at KAD since February and it has been such an amazing experience for me. I did not know when I first started volunteering that I would love it so much, but now that the semester is ending for me, I find myself having a hard time saying good-bye. Everyday that I am here, I see the warmth in the kids hearts and I love hearing their laughter. They all care for each other and look out for one another, even if they are not that close. They treat me with so much respect and always greet me with a warm hug and huge smile. I have made so many memories here at KAD such as playing basketball everyday, helping the kids with their homework, playing tag, and telling ghost stories. I have bonded with a lot of the kids and I look forward to seeing them every day that I come to KAD. When I look at the children I see so much potential in them. I have enjoyed learning about the different strengths each one of them has and what they are interested in. They have made my time here very fun and memorable. I also have to give a big shout out to Bonnie Pecina for being such an amazing mentor to me. I can tell that she cares about everyone who walks through the door and puts so much effort into helping others. I hope that I was able to make a lasting impact on the kids lives, just as they have on mine. I will miss them very much.

CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



Spring is here and students from the Texas State Best Food FITS program are helping to revitalize our community garden. These girls worked hard this past Friday to clean up the garden, remove the weeds, and put in new soil. They will be back this Thursday for a community work day to plant the seeds and paint the fence. We are very thankful for all that Best Food FITS contributes to us!

We had a great turnout for the Chapultepec Easter Egg Hunt/Family Night. We snacked on popsicles, hot dogs, cupcakes, cookies, chips and we can't forget about the pink and blue deviled eggs! For a fun activity, the kids dyed eggs with shaving cream. They turned out great! And, after much anticipation, the kids got to hunt for eggs. Thanks to all the residents who donated eggs and food for everyone to enjoy!



For our April Resident Assembly meeting, Shelley, one of our residents, presented her Couponing class. Each participant received a bag full of goodies and coupons and helpful tips on couponing. I was amazed by some of the deals you can get! Thank you Shelley for donating your time and material!



We have fans . . . lots and lots of fans. The Eldercare Fan Drive will officially kick off on May 1 and will go on until August 31. Chapultepec will be the distribution site for San Marcos and will only distribute fans between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday – Thursday, and between 9 AM and 11:30 AM on Fridays. We will be closed on Memorial Day and Independence Day.

CELEBRATING FATHERHOOD

An Initiative of the Early Childhood Coalition of Hays County



MAY
27
2017

**San Marcos
Activity Center**
501 E Hopkins St.
San Marcos, TX 78666

SATURDAY
9:00
AM

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, you can go to the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos (211 Lee St.) to get free legal advice on non-criminal matters such as wills, student loan, divorce, bankruptcy, employment, etc. This is sponsored by the Hays County Bar Association and the Hays County Young Lawyers Association. Personnel from the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center will also be available. You must sign in before 7 PM. The next clinic is on May 9. Call 512-878-0640 for more information.



Willow Creek claimed a few victims in the April storm. Fortunately, none of them were human. This picture was taken from in front of the Henry Bush Child Development Center at Chapultepec. No apartments were flooded.

Hearing Loss Resources



Wednesday
May 10th
6:30 - 8:30 pm

San Marcos Public Library 625 E. Hopkins 512.393.8200

Starting From Scratch: Families Code Together



Hey, parents: want to understand this computer coding stuff?

Hey, kids: want to learn code?

Saturdays
May 6th & 20th
10:00 am
to 1:00 pm

Registration Required
Ages 9-12 and Parent

San Marcos Public Library 625 E. Hopkins 512.393.8200

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT SAN MARCOS HOUSING AUTHORITY ADMISSION AND OCCUPANCY PLAN (ACOP)

This refers to a revision of the existing ACOP. It includes certain changes, including some required by changes in HUD regulations. The Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the revised plan on May 23, 2017 at 5:30 PM at its regular meeting. Submit your written comments to: Albert Sierra, Executive Director, 1201 Thorpe Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666. Comments will be received through May 22, 2017.

View a copy at our main office or download a copy from www.smpaha.org.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Commissioners did not meet in April so there isn't much to highlight. Tune in next month!

Chapultepec will serve as the pick-up site for the Summer Fan Drive for eligible San Marcos residents.

Fan Drive Location and Hours:

Chapultepec Homes Office

701 S. LBJ Drive

512-396-3364

Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM

Friday 9 AM – 11:30 AM



To be eligible to receive a fan, a person must:

Have income at or below 200% of the poverty level

- ⇒ For individuals: Less than \$24,120 (gross) annual income
- ⇒ For couples: Less than \$32,480 (gross) annual income
- ⇒ See poverty guidelines for income requirements for larger families

AND

- ♦ Be over the age of 55 **OR...**
- ♦ Be disabled and receiving disability benefits **OR....**
- ♦ Be in a household with children under 18 years of age

AND

Must be able to provide an **ID** and **proof of income** (examples below)

- ♦ Social Security/SSI/Disability
- ♦ Medicaid/Food Stamps Card
- ♦ Pay Check/Pay Stub

Gary Job Corps

provides career technical training for ages 16 - 24 in several vocational trades such as Carpentry, Clinical Medical Assistant, Electrical, Machining, Office Administration, Pharmacy Technician, Security and Protective Services, & Welding. Advanced Training is available for Cement Masonry, Electrical - Overhead Line Construction, etc. In addition to career training, Gary Job Corps also provides academic training, including basic reading and math. Courses in independent living, employability skills, and career success skills are offered in order to help students transition into the workplace. We also have several academic programs to help our students achieve their full potential. For more info, call the Outreach and Admissions Office at 512-396-6966 or go to <http://gary.jobcorps.gov>.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD FAMILIES . . .

. . . to be a part of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program! If you are in our Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs and want to reduce or eliminate your need for public assistance, call us at 512-396-3364. We will enroll three new families in May. Your family can be one of them! The program is free and you have nothing to lose except the chains of poverty.

Head Start is accepting applications for the 2017/2018 school year. They are a major partner in our self-sufficiency efforts. You can get an application at the Resident Services centers at Allen Woods, CM Allen, and Chapultepec. Below are the basic eligibility requirements. Being in Head Start opens up a lot of resources that can benefit your family. If you apply, let us know so we can make sure they know you are one of our residents.

Age Eligibility

- Infants/Toddler/Pregnancy = ages 0-36 months old currently; Pre-School Age = 3 & 4 years old by September 1

Income Eligibility



- The federal poverty guidelines are used to evaluate family income
- 90% of families meet 100% of the income guidelines and 10% are allowed to be over income.

Categorical Eligibility (regardless of income)

Child or families are currently in Foster or Kinship



SMHA CALENDAR - May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	4 	5 ALLEN WOODS RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10:00 AM	6
7	8 CM ALLEN RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 5:30 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16 CHAPULTEPEC RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 6 PM	17 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23 SMHA Board of Commissioners 5:30 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day SMHA Offices Closed	30	31 May was named for the Greek Goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology in which he says that the month of May is named for the maiores, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the iuniores, or "young people." Wikipedia			

LEADERSHIP

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HOUSING OFFICES

Allen Woods Homes (Main Office)

512-353-5059

CM Allen Homes

512-353-1116

Chapultepec Homes

512-396-3364

Housing Choice Voucher

512-353-5061

Springtown Villa

512-396-3363

RESIDENT SERVICES

Chapultepec Adult Learning Center

Family Self-Sufficiency

512-396-3364

CM Allen KAD Korner Store

512-392-6273

Allen Woods PODER

Learning Center

512-396-3367

Springtown Villa

512-353-7343