



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESIDENTS!

The Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the state of Texas. TXNAHRO provides scholarships each year to deserving high school seniors who are currently living with their families as Public Housing or Section 8 program residents.



Available scholarships are one (1), \$2,500 Jim Hargrove Scholarship, and eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships.

Go to <http://www.txnahro.org/Scholarship/Applicationoverview.html> to apply.

The Deadline is February 9, 2018. Here are some of the qualifications:

- ◇ Be a resident of public housing or a participant in the Section 8 program in which you are living.
- ◇ Be a graduating high school senior in the Spring of 2018.
- ◇ Have exceptional school attendance, high academic achievement, & leadership or high level of motivation.

When Should You Remove Your Christmas Decorations?

Take your tree and other decorations down on January 5. Why? Because in 567, the [Council of Tours](#) proclaimed the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany as a sacred and festive season, and established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the feast. Christmastide, commonly called the Twelve Days of Christmas, lasts 12 days, from December 25 to January 5, the latter date being named as Twelfth Night of Christmas. These traditional dates are still followed by many Protestant churches. Some say that leaving your tree up beyond the official Christmas season brings bad luck, especially if you do not remove all Christmas decorations, lights, and spray foam by January 15.



This was our Site Clerk Ricardo last year. Don't give him an excuse!

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER



A Holly Jolly Christmas

The residents of Allen Woods came together for their annual Christmas Party! Each resident brought a dish to share with their neighbors and a small gift for the White Elephant game. Everyone that brought a present for the game got to play and take a different gift home. Each residents that attended had enough to feed their family and even take some home. Neighbors enjoyed getting together with people in their neighborhood. Mary Ann, daughter of our resident, Maria Flores, brought extra door prizes for the attendees to win at the end. This party filled bellies and hearts!



Spirit of Giving



This holiday season was filled with the spirit of giving! Ali Mumbach, a Terry Scholar, volunteered her time to take family holiday pictures. Members from Black Men United brought Santa Claus with them. He gave away candy canes and sang Christmas songs with the kids. Alyssa Ontiveros, a former volunteer, brought many bags of clothes and blankets for our residents in need. Fran Sheinberg, former volunteer, donated small toys for the kids program. Kelli Reyes donated a box of beanie babies for their stockings that Ms. Sanchez, a resident, made by hand for each child. Perfectly Paralegals and other members of the group donated money so each of our kids could take home a present for the holidays. Overall a successful holiday season thanks to those who gave of their substance and their time to make each of our kids smile!



Springtown Villa

Resident Council
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the
month at 3:30 PM

Let Them Eat ZOODLES!



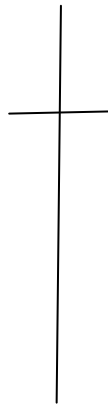
Stephanie Chapa with the Hays County Food Bank stopped by to teach our first cooking class! The recipe was zoodles with marinara sauce. It is essentially a “healthy spaghetti” because the noodles are made from zucchini and other veggies. They began with going over knife safety. Once that was done, the residents were able to get chopping!



*Rest In
Peace, Bill.*

You will be
deeply
missed!

- Residents & staff
at Springtown



Despite being
beginners in the
kitchen, Roland
Cruz (Left) &
Jesse Tello
(Right) were
chopping &
slicing masters!



Lovely Crafting Ladies of STV



We had two crafting days this
month. We made snowflake
ornaments the first day and angels
on the second day. Residents
enjoy these activities because it
gives them the opportunity to
learn something new!



**The holidays
mean...
CRAFTS!**

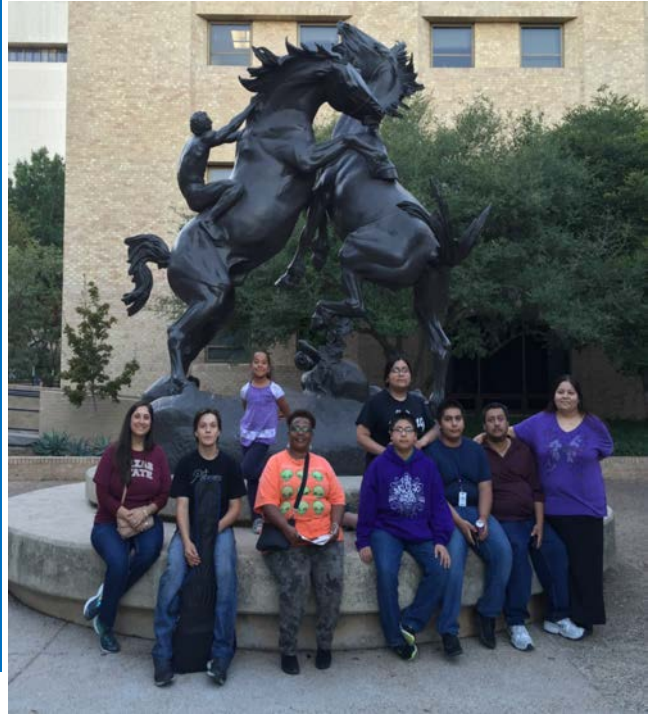
**Ramona, Nora,
Julie, and Gloria
pose with their
angels.**



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

2017 LOOK BACK—There have been many individuals that have worked with our residents & their children this past year. To all of you, we here at the CM Allen Homes want to thank you and wish you a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to working with you in 2018. Here are just some of the things that happened this year:

- ☺ Money Management - Jennifer Crawford with RBCU
- ☺ Tobacco Prevention Presentation
- ☺ Thanksgiving Dinners delivered - Texas State Social Work Group
- ☺ Job Readiness Training Class - San Marcos Good Will Job Help Center
- ☺ Texas Night Out
- ☺ Trip to Schlitterbahn
- ☺ Cancer Awareness - Community Action
- ☺ Medicare Plans Information - Infra Votin
- ☺ University Starts at Home - Texas State Professor Melissa Martinez
- ☺ Parents Presentation - Hays Caldwell Council
- ☺ Well-being on a budget - Texas State Honor Society Phi Upsilon Omicron
- ☺ Family Science Night - Texas State Science Department, Gail Dickerson
- ☺ Travis County Attorneys Underage Drinking Prevention program



Above are some of the parents and kids who attended the University Starts at Home program by Dr. Melissa Martinez & the Center for P-16 Initiatives at Texas State. Everyone who attended the program received a t-shirt. Most of the participants had never been on campus. This was an exciting moment for them all.

Christmas came early to the children at CM Allen thanks to the efforts of Santa &

his elves, a.k.a. Professor Jessica Dupree Burke and her students. Seeing the smiles on children faces was worth the time they gave.



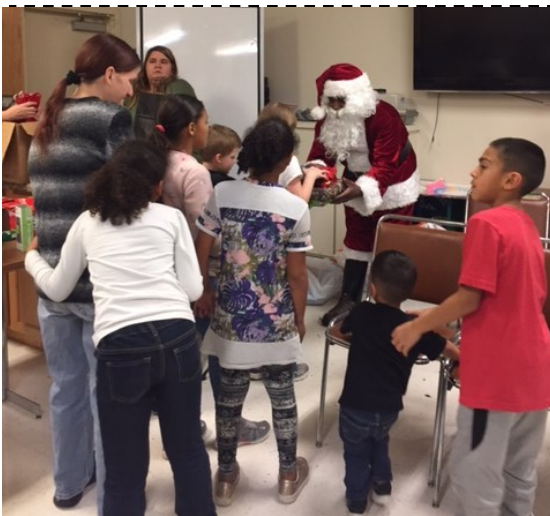
As 2017 comes to a close, 2018 will be a time of new beginnings: the CM Allen Resident Association! We will be looking for residents to become an active part of the association. The first meeting will be in February. This is your home. Become an active part in making it the best place to live. — Mattie & Kyle Medina



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



The Chapultepec Resident Assembly hosted a Christmas family photo shoot as a fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us and to Leslie Salinas for volunteering her time and taking the beautiful photos. The photo on the left shows one of our littlest residents.



Our resident Christmas party included a visit from Santa. Each child received a gift and stocking from him. We are grateful to the SMPD, PromiseLand Church, and the Sherman Family for providing the gifts and stockings.



Our Family Self Sufficiency Participants had a craft night and made these cute Christmas Ornaments. Thanks to our Resident Assembly President, Shelley Sherman, for organizing this event.



Psst. Don't tell anyone but the man in the suit is one of our residents, Dereke Christopher. What a good sport!

Chapultepec Homes January Calendar of Events:

January 11: Resident Assembly—6 PM

January 18: FSS Class-ADHD and your child presented by Viola Vera and this will kick off our ADHD support group. More info on this support group will be forthcoming.

SNOW DAY!

By Maria Calcaben

“Guys, I think it’s snowing?” There was a sense of confusion in my words as I read text message after text message about snow falling. The kids, in the middle of a cooking lesson with the Hays



County Food Bank, ran to the front doors of PODER and rushed outside. What moments ago was just rain suddenly began falling as soft snow. “Ms. Maria! It’s SNOWING!” Nancy, one of the teens, exclaimed. The



kids weren’t the only ones excited. The Hays County Food Bank staff and resident volunteer Kathy LaPlant-Israel were awestruck to see snow in the middle of Texas. To some of the kids, this was their first experience with snow. What started as a normal evening became a special and

memorable moment for the kids, especially because they got to share this experience together with their friends. As the evening continued, the snow continued to fall. Short breaks to play in the snow, make snow angels, have snowball fights, and build tiny snowmen were taken throughout the cooking lesson. Christmas songs were played as the kids sang along and made home-made pizza. The excitement from the kids and the snow on the ground left a little Christmas magic in the air.



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	SMHA OFFICES CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 SMHA OFFICES CLOSED	16	17	18 ADHD Presentation CALC—6 PM	19	20
21	22	23 Board of Commissioners AW—5:30 PM	24	25 Food Wise Cooking Class CALC—6 PM	26	27
28	29	30	31	January (in Latin, Ianuarius) is named after the Latin word for door (ianua), since January is the door to the year and an opening to new beginnings. The month is conventionally thought of as being named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions in Roman mythology, but according to ancient Roman farmers' almanacs the Roman goddess Juno was the guardian of the month.		

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