



GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A GREAT FAMILY!

San Marcos Area Habitat for Humanity is taking applications to find a family to live in the home they are currently building. To qualify, a family must earn enough to pay the mortgage but not so much that they would qualify in the traditional housing market. Below is a table that has the income guidelines. In addition the family must help build the home by contributing 300 hours of labor to Habitat for Humanity. You can download an application from their website:

www.habitatforhumanitysanmarcos.org



Volunteers work on 325 Stillwell Street in 2014.

Number in Household	2	3	4	5	6
Min. Gross Income	\$26,000	\$29,250	\$32,500	\$35,100	\$37,700
Max. Gross Income	\$37,050	\$43,950	\$48,850	\$52,750	\$56,650

AARP Tax Aid is a Free Walk-in Service at the San Marcos Public Library
Mondays: 3 PM to 6 PM (except President's Day)

Saturdays: 10 AM to 1 PM

Trained volunteers from AARP prepare individual tax returns for free at the library beginning February 3. No appointment is necessary; first come, first served. Bring all tax-related documents, including last year's tax return, social security cards for all dependents, and a photo ID.

SIGN IN NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION.



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Going to Infinity and Beyond

This month's Teen Night was out of this world with a space theme that focused on leadership. The teens demonstrated their leadership skills with three challenges: leading their blindfolded droids (volunteers) through a maze, creating a futuristic machine, and fighting a galactic battle with homemade lightsabers. Volunteers included Texas State ESSO (Exercise Sports Science Organization) members and individual volunteers: Carlos, Mirian, and Cristina.



The teens talked about qualities that good leaders possess and what qualities they have that make them a good leader. Such examples included clear communication to their volunteers to help them get through the maze, compromise and decision making when creating their machines, and helping out a teammate when battling another team. The teens are going to go beyond the stars learning these skills!



Creative Kathy

Have you ever stepped into PODER and thought, "Wow, those are some nice decorations!"? Meet the matron behind most of those designs: Kathy LaPlant-Israel! You might remember reading about Kathy as she was our 2017 Volunteer of the Year, but now she's planning to have an even larger impact as PODER's Spring Intern.



She was born and raised in Houston and came to Texas State to major in Family & Child Development with a minor in Social Work. She is not only a student, but a mom and a resident of the Housing Authority. She says, "I want to learn more about our community and what support is available to the residents here in the Housing Authority. I am also looking forward to getting to know the residents better so that I know how I may be of assistance to them." Come stop by and say a friendly "hello" to a familiar face!

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14**

**PODER
LEARNING
CENTER**

10AM—2PM



Bake goods will be sold on February 14 at PODER. You can **pre-order** a special treat by calling **512-396-3367**.

Cake Balls, Cookies, Cupcakes, Cakes
(call for flavors/prices)

***Pre-orders only (Must order by Monday, February 12)**

*PIE (apple or special flavors upon request): \$5

*Strawberry Delights (strawberries filled with tasty cream cheese): 2 for \$1

****SUGAR-FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CAKES & PIES (ask when you call)****

Springtown Villa

A Friendly New Face



My name is Ariel Caldwell. I am the new intern here at Springtown Villa! I am a graduate student in the Social Work Masters program. I am still fairly new to Texas. I moved here from Michigan three years ago. However, I am just as displeased with this recent cold weather as you all may be! I am a mother to a wonderful baby girl, who just turned the BIG 1 year old. Feel free to stop by the computer lab to introduce yourself or ask any questions. My role here is to help each resident meet their needs, be a helping hand in any way, or to just lend an ear. I am thrilled to get to know each and every one of you!



We also realized that there are two types of bingo players: Sarah (left) is all smiles while Nora & Maria (right) are deep in focus.
(Bingo is SERIOUS business!)

Donna from the Hays Caldwell Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse came to do an informative drug-themed bingo with the residents.



Jesse, Mr. Henry, and Gloria were taking the time to enjoy the sunshine since the sun is a rare sighting these days!



The Hays County Food Bank made it out for their monthly cooking class! Participants learned how to properly read a recipe and cooked a healthy vegetable soup.

RESIDENT COUNCIL

*Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday of the month*

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Here are some of the families adopted by Kathy & Jude Prather and their friends for Christmas 2017. They bring smiles to the faces of young & old alike.

The efforts of the Prathers & their friends have been ongoing for almost a decade. Just by looking at the smiles on the children's faces, they were blessed by their efforts.



C.M. ALLEN RESIDENT ASSEMBLY

The monthly meeting for February will be a

VALENTINE POT

LUCK LUNCHEON on

February 14 between 12:30 and 1:30 PM.



Also on Feb. 14, join us for a Healthy Choices Jeopardy & Bingo & Stretch & Move Class from 2 to 3:30 PM, sponsored by the Hays Caldwell Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

OTHER EVENTS

February 22: Parenting Class Bingo from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, sponsored by Mary Jane Godina, Parent Liaison of the Doris Miller Middle School.



Guitar Lessons are coming to KAD! Be ready to sign up and learn what "FACE" & "Every Good Boy Does Fine" means!

AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLASSES

Join to learn a variety of dance styles, increase flexibility, and develop healthy lifestyle choices! All GUYS & GALS welcome!

FRIDAYS: 4 to 5 PM

Place: KAD

Cost: FREE

Ages: 7 to 14 years

Register at the Door! Wear comfortable clothes allowing a full range of movement and have your hair pulled back and out of your face. Contact DobbinsLydia@gmail.com if you have any questions.



The Texas Home Visiting Mobile Resource Bus provides reading & learning material to families who have difficulty accessing materials. Every 3rd Thursday of the month, they bring the library to you! It will be at KAD between 4 and 5 PM.

Call 512.618.0353 for more information.



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

February Happenings at the Chapultepec Adult Learning Center

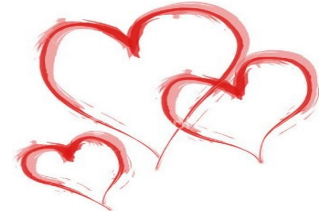
Feb. 7: ADHD Support Group, 6:30 PM

Feb. 15: Valentine's Day Potluck and Valentine Exchange for the kids, 6 PM

Feb. 21: FSS Class—RBFCU Budgeting and Savings Options, 5:30 PM

Feb. 21: ADHD Support Group, 6:30 PM

Every Friday: Zumba/Yoga with Lucy, 6:30 PM



The first meeting for the ADHD support group was held in January. Some great topics were covered and very helpful information presented. Please join our next

ADHD support group on February 7th at 6:30 PM. The support group plans on meeting twice a month. There is also another scheduled meeting for February 21st at 6:30 directly following the FSS class.



The kids have a new place to play! There is a new playscape at Veteran's Park. The park has new sidewalks and a skate park also. Stop by and check it out!

We are grateful to Brittany with Gibson Properties in Wimberley for collecting donations for “One Warm Coat.” She delivered many coats and several warm blankets to us to distribute to residents. We still have a few adult coats available!



February 2018

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The Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification, via the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar.

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13 *Financial
Recovery Class
PODER—6PM*

14 *Healthy
Choices Jeopardy
KAD—2PM*

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*SMHA Offices
Closed*

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21 *Budgeting
& Savings
CALC—5:30PM*

22 *Parenting
Class
KAD—5:30 PM*

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27 *Board of
Commissioners
5:30 PM*

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Saint Valentine of Rome is a widely recognized Roman saint.
All that is reliably known is his name and that he was
martyred and buried near Rome on Feb. 14 in the year 269.

LEADERSHIP

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