



The Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Grant Returns to the SMHA

We were recently notified that we have been awarded a \$225,405 grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program provides three-year grants to help housing authorities bring additional services to families and elderly residents. The SMHA was one of only three housing authorities in Texas to be awarded a grant this year. This grant provides funds for service coordination, program administration, and staff training. The goal of the program is to help elderly residents improve their quality of life and to be able to live independently as long as possible. With regard to families, the goal is to help families access resources such as educational programs, vocational training, job readiness programs, financial literacy services, etc.

The SMHA was first awarded a ROSS grant in 2007. It was renewed in 2010 and again in 2013. It was not renewed in 2016, which happened to coincide with the completion of repairs to the CM Allen Homes after the double-whammy floods of 2015. As a result, we were forced to cut back on services at a time when they were most needed. Through

careful budgeting and the support of interns and other volunteers, we have been able to provide a limited amount of services, including the after-school program known as Kids Against Drugs (KAD). The restoration of this funding will help us to increase service levels at CM Allen.

We also have the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, which serves residents in public housing and in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. FSS is a similar program but is time-limited and includes an opportunity to build assets. The Chapultepec Homes are set aside for the FSS program. An equal amount of families are enrolled in the FSS program but live at other sites or are using their voucher to rent an apartment or home in the area.

Our ROSS and FSS service coordinators will work together to meet mutual goals and to serve as many families and individuals as possible. This includes arranging self-sufficiency classes at all public housing sites. The classes cover a variety of topics such as budgeting, credit repair, goal setting, healthy relationships, buying a home, and more.



Speaking of self-sufficiency, Veronica Valtierra, our most recent graduate of the FSS program, received her certificate of program completion from Stewart Dale Spencer. One of the goals of our FSS program is for families to achieve a score of at least 80% on the "FSS Matrix." This is an assessment tool we use to measure levels of self-sufficiency across a broad scale of self-sufficiency-related behaviors and characteristics, not just income.

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Programa Para los Niños

Residents Make a Difference



¿Necesita su hijo ayuda con la tarea? Aquí en PODER tenemos algunos tutores y voluntarios que son bilingües y pueden ayudar. Tenemos un grupo diverso de estudiantes en nuestro programa después de la escuela y pueden practicar sus habilidades en inglés. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Maria Calcaben, Coordinadora de Servicios, al 512-396-3367 para obtener más información.

PODER is not only for kids. It is also a community resource center for Allen Woods residents.

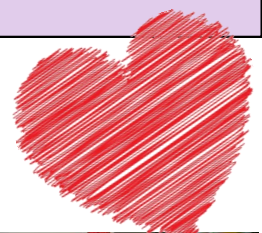


Arleen Machado has recently been more involved with our programs. She came to volunteer in our program to get out of her house and be more active in her community! Here she is showing the kids how to make heart necklaces for the after-school program Valentine's Day Party. The kids enjoyed making this craft and talking to Arleen! If you would like to get involved, please call Maria at 512-396-3367.

**NEXT RESIDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING:
FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 10 AM AT PODER**



Love for our Seniors!



We showed love for our seniors with something a little different to celebrate Valentine's Day: arts & crafts! The seniors that attended our Valentines party designed and painted salt dough hearts. They ate sweets and home-made tacos by Mary Ann Lopez, daughter of resident Donasiana Flores. Of course, they needed a little bingo pick-me-up so a short game of bingo happened at the end of the party with some great prizes. Join us every Wednesday at 10 AM for senior activities!



Springtown Villa

Resident Council
Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday of the month

Valentine's Day Party



We thank you, Fazoli's and BeeFirst, for sponsoring us! The residents enjoyed spaghetti and meatballs, bread sticks, cupcakes, and bingo.

Pictured above are residents holding up their Valentine's Day mosaic artwork. The supplies used were image templates, colored construction paper, and glue.



A job well done to our intern Ariel for using her networking skills to benefit our residents! She recruited her coworker, Anna Shadix, to bring in her mobile salon to treat the residents for discounted haircuts. **And just in time for Valentine's Day too!**

"The Croods" was the feature during our weekly movie day event. One of our youngest residents, Ryan Moring, reclines in his chair in a similar fashion as Jesse to the left of him, which made for a great photo-op!



New resident, Juan, and 10-year Springtown veteran, Mr. Gomez, were chatting before the movie started. They met each other only five minutes earlier, but became quick friends because they both speak Spanish.

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

CM ALLEN RESIDENT ASSEMBLY FUNDRAISER

Memory Votive - \$3.50
Contact Mattie at 512-749-5541 or by email at mmedina712@outlook.com.

Makes a perfect gift for mothers, grandmothers, fathers, and grandfathers. This is our first fundraiser of 2018. Turn around time: 1 week.



Easter Facts

- ☺Peep Peep...did you know Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular, non-chocolate Easter candy.
- ☺Americans consume more than 16 million jelly beans - enough jelly beans to circle the globe 3 times!
- ☺The White House tradition of the Easter Egg Roll was started in 1878 by President Rutherford B. Hayes.

Upcoming Events

- * March 6—City Elections at the KAD Center
- * March 12—Spring Break - Kids Craft (save your cereal boxes), 1:30—4 PM
- * March 13—Underage Drinking Prevention Presentation for parents & children, 1:30—4 PM
- * March 21—Bee First - Senior Social, 1:30—3 PM; United Way of Hays County Reading & Activity, 3:45 PM
- * March 28—CM Allen Resident Assembly Easter Luncheon Social, 1 PM
- * March 29—Hopes and Dreams Family Night! Dinner included, 5:30 PM

UNITED WAY READING PROGRAM →
Analia Voss, Director of Community Impact for the United Way of Hays & Caldwell Counties will be reading, doing an activity, and providing snacks on March 21 @ 3:45 pm for the KAD children.

KAD Ballet Group!

Texas State student Lydia Dobbins with the Agape Ballet program will begin the KAD Ballet Group for 2018. Lydia began this program last year making dance available to all children. Classes will be on Fridays at KAD between 3:45 pm — 5:30 pm.

Boys and girls
between the ages of
7 and 14 are
welcome!



As the children celebrated Valentine's Day, they learned to make healthy choices. Donna McCain from the Hays Caldwell Council informed them about healthy food choices and the effects that drugs (legal or not) have upon their bodies. She told them that making the right choices will help keep their bodies working well.



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



The Chapultepec Resident Assembly held a ValenSlime party to celebrate Valentine's Day. Pictured above is Aliyah demonstrating her slime making skills. A great time was had by all!



I am so excited to announce that the ADHD support group is off to a wonderful start. We have met a few times over the past two months and our numbers are growing. We have discussed topics such as coping strategies and meltdowns. Our next topic is discipline strategies. Residents, friends, and families are coming to learn more about how they can help their family member or even themselves. There are many of us out there dealing with ADHD and we need to support one another in this adventure. This group is open to the public. I hope that we can reach more families in our community. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on March 21 at the Chapultepec Adult Learning center at 6:30 PM. -Kathryn



Our After-School Program is a great place for kids to build relationships

with fellow classmates, get help with homework, and participate in many other fun activities held throughout the year. If your child is not enrolled, come by the office and enroll them today!

March Events

- March 8: Resident Assembly, 6 PM—7 PM**
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day Celebration 6 PM—7 PM**
- March 22: FSS Class Crocket Elementary Parent Liaison presents "Food for the Future," 6 PM—7 PM**
- March 26: Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 6 PM—7PM**

Please remember to put your trash bin out on Tuesday evening only and pick it up by 9 PM on Wednesday. Bins must be placed as close to the roadway as possible without interfering with vehicles or pedestrians. They may not be put in the dumpster area for pick up. Also, the dumpster on McKie Street belongs to the Henry Bush Child Development Center. Do not put trash in that dumpster or in the area around it.



March 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

The name of March comes from Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, who was also regarded as a guardian of agriculture and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. Martius was the beginning of the season for both farming and warfare. The festivals held in his honor during the month were mirrored by others in October, when the season for these activities came to a close.

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SPRING BREAK — NO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. There will be a variety of activities for kids this week. Contact PODER, KAD, or CALC after-school leaders for details.						
18	19	20 <i>Saving for a Rainy Day</i> PODER—6 PM	21	22 <i>Crockett</i> Parents, CALC—6 PM	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Board of Commissioners</i> 5:30 PM	28	29 <i>Miller</i> Parents KAD—5:30 PM	30 SMHA Offices Closed	31

Food Wise Class at CALC—March 29, 6 PM

<p>LEADERSHIP</p> <p>Board of Commissioners</p> <p>Gloria Salazar—Chairperson</p> <p>Gerald Brown—Vice-Chairperson</p> <p>Rose Brooks—Commissioner</p> <p>Liz Trevino—Commissioner</p> <p>Maggie Moreno—Commissioner</p> <p>Executive Director</p> <p>Albert Sierra</p>	<p>HOUSING OFFICES</p> <p>Allen Woods Homes (Main Office)</p> <p>512-353-5059</p> <p>CM Allen Homes</p> <p>512-353-1116</p> <p>Chapultepec Homes</p> <p>512-396-3364</p> <p>Housing Choice Voucher</p> <p>512-353-5061</p> <p>Springtown Villa</p> <p>512-396-3363</p>	<p>RESIDENT SERVICES</p> <p>Chapultepec Adult Learning Center</p> <p>Family Self-Sufficiency</p> <p>512-396-3364</p> <p>CM Allen KAD Korner Store</p> <p>512-392-6273</p> <p>Allen Woods PODER</p> <p>Learning Center</p> <p>512-396-3367</p> <p>Springtown Villa</p> <p>512-353-7343</p>
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