



### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: MARTY WRIGHT**

At our recent Volunteer Awards Luncheon we honored the people that supported the programs that provide important services to our elderly or disabled residents, families, and kids in our after-school and summer programs during 2017. We especially want to recognize our 2017 Volunteer of the Year: Marty R. Wright, Senior Lecturer at Texas State University, Department of Health and Human Performance. You have seen the results of her support in so many of the stories about our after-school programs the past few years. The text on her plaque says:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE KIDS IN OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. YOUR VISION TO INCLUDE A COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR CLASS AND THE EXERCISE SPORTS SCIENCE ORGANIZATION HAS BENEFITED BOTH YOUR STUDENTS AND OUR KIDS. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY'S SLOGAN IS "THE RISING STAR OF TEXAS" AND YOU ARE A FRONTLINE EXAMPLE OF THAT SLOGAN PUT INTO ACTION!"

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM EXPENDITURES**

WE WILL TELL YOU HOW WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDS.  
WE ALSO WANT TO HEAR WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO *YOU*.  
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS!

**WHERE: Allen Woods Dining Room**

**DATE: May 9, 2018**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING TO:**

ALBERT SIERRA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SAN MARCOS HOUSING AUTHORITY  
1201 THORPE LANE  
SAN MARCOS, TX 78666  
ATTN: PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND



## ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

### RESIDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING: First Friday of Every Month

#### Volunteer Soars to the Top

Kathy LaPlant-Israel has become a familiar face in the Allen Woods neighborhood. It may be because she volunteered so much of her time last year, about 260 hours in fact, which earned her a spot as our Top Volunteer of 2017! Kathy is pictured here with Senior Service Coordinator Maria Calcaben at the Volunteer Banquet. She has made a huge impact with the kids in the after-school program, but most recently, also



with our elderly residents during her internship this spring. We wish her the best of luck as she prepares to graduate and move on to the next chapter in her life!

### Spring Treats



Not even rain could contain our kids' joy during our Spring Easter Party! After an indoor egg-hunt (pictured below), the kids of the PODER After-School program sat down to play friendly rounds of bingo brought by Ariel Caldwell, one of our interns this semester.

Although not everyone got to win a prize in bingo, no one left empty-handed. The kids played a variety of games

including Giant Connect Four (pictured above), Egg Fan Race, Fish Toss, and Bunny Horseshoe to win tickets. Each station was manned by volunteers from Marty Wright's class. We also want to acknowledge Bettye Wiginton from Rays of Hope for providing food and prizes. The kids got to turn in their tickets for prizes. A great surprise was when a few kids even used their tickets on their siblings instead of themselves!



### ¡Anime a Sus Hijos a Leer Este Verano!

- ◇ Si vuestro peque es aún un bebé, también podéis enseñarle cuentos. Recurrid a los libros con grandes imágenes y seguid con el dedo las líneas del texto para que poco a poco comprenda lo que hacéis.
- ◇ ¡Busque una biblioteca cerca de usted y vayan lo más seguido que puedan!
- ◇ Entre los beneficios de la lectura destacan: el desarrollo psíquico del niño, el estímulo de su imaginación y la mejora de su autoestima.
- ◇ A medida que su hijo crezca, lean un libro dividido en capítulo cada noche. Platiquen sobre el libro durante el día para despertar el interés de su hijo por la historia.





## Springtown Villa

With the help of Lydia, an art student from Texas State, we have been able to offer monthly art classes! Many residents enjoy these kind of activities since it can be very therapeutic, allowing them to use their hands to express their creativity. Pictured below is our intern, Ariel, with Ms. Irma along with some of the artwork from the past few weeks!



### Resident Council Meetings

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

**Our #1 Volunteer**  
2017



Lino Puente is no stranger to volunteering at Springtown Villa. He has been a resident for eight years. He has served as the president of our Resident Council for six of those years. He is extremely tech savvy, which makes him a great resource for residents needing assistance with their phones, TVs, or computers. When his health permits, Lino helps out at events and makes himself available to

residents, even after office hours. To the right, Lino is leading a game of Loteria during one of our weekly Spanish classes.

***THANKS LINO!***



## C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

KAD Kids want to thank all the TEXAS STATE VOLUNTEERS who gave of their time to tutor those who needed extra help with their school work and to mentor, encourage and inspire them to be the best that they could be. On any given day you would find these young men & women taking time and changing lives. Because of their service, the kids keep coming back each semester. We are grateful to Marty Wright, Jessica Burke, Allie Thomas, and Kappa Delta Chi for sending these outstanding scholars who are the future of San Marcos and Texas. KAD Kids are so grateful for the support that each of you and your students give to them. Thank You All!



Last month, **San Marcos Police Officer John Cope** stopped at Conway Park to talk to the kids playing at that park. He took his time to explain the details of police cars to the KAD Kids. The children were fascinated by the siren and the lights. They were able to sit in the car, turn on the lights, and get a sense of what it feels like to be a police officer, if only for a moment. He also spoke of the importance of his job of helping to keep the citizens of San Marcos safe. Officer Cope left a lasting impression on the children. A couple of the kids expressed their desire to become police officers!

### EVENTS:

**May 5** - SMCISD Trustees Election

**May 8** - Goodwill Job Readiness Workshop, 10 AM

**May 9** - Bee First Home Health Senior Social Mothers Day Celebration, 1:30 PM

**May 16** - Robinson Creek Home Health Care Senior Bingo, 1:30 PM

**May 21** - **Mother & Daughter Tea**, 5 PM–6 PM  
(Get a framed picture to treasure for \$1.50!)

**May 22** - Primary Runoff Election (no after-school program)

**May 30** - Resident Assembly Bingo, 1:30 PM

Mary Jane Godina, Parent Liaison at Miller Middle School, held a “Soar with your Dreams” event last month. The goal was to inspire the parents to think about what they want for the future of their children. Parents wrote down their hopes and dreams for their home, school, & community. Then they shared with the other attendees.





## CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



**Congratulations to Kelly Fox, Chapultepec's Top Volunteer in 2017!**

Kelly volunteered last summer to distribute the SMCISD summer food program at our site. She actively

participates in the FSS program and helps out whenever she can. On the day of the Volunteer Luncheon, Kelly told us that becoming the #1 volunteer at Chapultepec was one of her goals for 2017. Way to go on reaching that goal! We look forward to helping her reach her other goals.

### **Chapultepec Happenings**

- ☺ **May 10 - Mothers Day Potluck & Gift Exchange, 6 PM**
- ☺ **May 17 - FSS Class on Healthy Relationships presented by Donna from Hays Caldwell Council, 6 PM**
- ☺ **May 19 - Earth Day grounds clean up at Chapultepec, 11 AM to 1 PM**
- ☺ **May 26 - ADHD Support Group, 6:30 PM**



Dedication, determination, and motivation are a few descriptions of these two FSS participants & Texas State graduates. Both served as interns for the SMHA. We are very proud of them!



### **Congratulations Shelley Sherman!**

Degree: Bachelor of Public Administration

After completing her degree at Texas State, Shelley will continue with an online graduate program to earn a Master's degree in Science in Human Resource Management from Trident University Internal. She is also working toward completing the requirements for a *Leaders in Motion Program* with the Department of Defense that would take her and her daughter, Aliyah, to Cleveland, Ohio by the end of the summer. In the meantime, she has taken a staff position at Texas State University where she works in the Testing, Evaluation, and Measurement Center.



### **Congratulations Lucy Kalunde!**

Degree: Master of Education

Lucy's major study was in Health Education with a minor in Cognate Studies. She completed an independent study on the topic of "Texas Teen Driving Safety: Strategies for Reducing Teen Motor Vehicle Injuries and Fatalities," while participating in a Blue-Ribbon Internship at the Department of State Health Services in Austin. Her future career plans include working as a health educator, helping individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors.

**The Nelrod Education Fund (NEF)  
Scholarship for Underserved Youth****Deadline: June 1, 2018**

Scholarship Notification: After July 31, 2018

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 extraordinary will to succeed despite a lack of traditional resources.



Are you looking for a  
**SCHOLARSHIP?**

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:**

1. Applicant must be a current High school senior, no older than 22 years of age.
2. 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.
3. Must be member of a "low-income" designated family. All public housing and section 8 residents are eligible.
4. 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. If you don't meet this requirement, you are ineligible and will be disqualified.
5. Must have Work Experience, community service experience, or extra-curricular involvement.
6. Must have plans to attend an accredited 4 or 2 year University or college, or other vocational, trade school, or career development program.
7. Scholarship funds released to winners upon verification of College or trade school enrollment by the NEF.

CONTACT THE SERVICE COORDINATOR AT YOUR HOUSING SITE TO GET AN APPLICATION WITH ALL THE SUBMISSION DETAILS. YOU MAY ALSO DOWNLOAD IT FROM OUR WEBSITE AT THIS LINK: <https://smpha.org/nef-scholarship/>



**To receive a fan, you must:**

**Chapultepec Homes**  
will be helping  
**CENTRAL TEXAS STAY COOL**  
by distributing fans  
**May 1-August 31**  
**9-5 M-Th 9-11 Friday**

Have an income at 200% of the poverty level  
AND...  
Be over age 55  
OR...  
Be disabled and receiving disability benefits  
OR...  
Be in household with children under 18 years of age

**Provide proof of income:**  
Examples include:  
Social Security SSI Disability Award letter  
Medicaid Food Stamps Card  
Pay Check/Pay Stubs

**Must provide a photo ID and proof of income**

## **Residents of Allen Woods, Springtown Villa, and CM Allen:**

You must contact the Resident Services center at your site to request fans for your household.

Other residents may inquire at the Chapultepec office.

### **Deacon Duty**

By Brianna Lopez

Congratulations to Springtown Villa's own Frederick Miller for becoming a deacon! He was ordained by Sr. Pastor Paul J. Thompson at the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ. A deacon is a church officer who is licensed to carry out the commands of a minister or an elder of the church. Tasks and requirements are different, depending upon the denomination, but they include helping with disputes, upkeep of the building, serving of food and drink, and aid in the general practical needs of the church. When asked about why he wanted to become a deacon in the first place, Fred said that he has always enjoyed helping others. Naturally, this led him to helping out more and more at the church. As those around him began to recognize his growing efforts, they began to encourage him to go through the process of becoming a deacon. He participated in ministry sessions at the church. It took several months of diligent effort on his part. Fred says that he sometimes gets nervous thinking about all of the responsibility and hard work that is going to come with this new role in his life, but he cannot wait to serve the Lord by doing the Lord's work! Once again, congrats from all of us at Springtown; we are so proud of you!



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Job Read- iness Class KAD 10 AM</i>	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17 <i>Healthy Relationships CALC 6 PM</i>	18	19
20	21	22 <i>Board of Commissioners 5:30 PM</i>	23	24 <i>ADHD Support Group CALC 6:30 PM</i>	25	26
27	28 <i>SMHA Offices Closed</i>	29	30	31 <i>Food Wise Cooking Class CALC 6 PM</i>		

## LEADERSHIP

### Board of Commissioners

Maggie Moreno — Chairperson  
 Juan Miguel Arredondo — V. Chairperson  
 Gerald Brown — Res. Commissioner  
 Rose Brooks — Commissioner  
 Richard Cruz — Commissioner

### Executive Director

Albert Sierra

## 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