



Subject: BONNIEE!!!!

Hey Bonnie!! It's Crystal (:

Hopefully this is still you and your email!

So if yes, I just wanted to say hello and see how you are doing! We talk about you always and miss you so much. Always super thankful for the guidance you gave us 3. We're all growing up and I am actually getting married in December hoping you'd be apart of the special day since you're special to us all. If you still are at KAD I would love to come and visit (:

Subject: Hello!!

Hi Bonnie,

Crystal gave me your email! I got excited when she told me that you had emailed her! I was like oh my gosh tell Bonnie I said Hi!~!!! :)

Hope all is well! Do you still work with the KAD program? Isaiah, Christian and Crystal are all doing so well! Thanks so much for taking such great care of them for me. I am forever thankful for you. I always tell people the stories about how when I lived at CM Allen the kids attended KAD. They learned so much from you and the program. Along with fun times they also learned and I believe still take/carry with them those skills and respect.

I remember those calls from you "Sandra, uhhh crystal is over here across the street and with unfamiliar girls" You want me to send her home" Yes! Bonnie please send her home. I am going out there now or if I was not home sending my mom. hahaha!!! You are so Awesome!! Love ya

I attached a graduation picture of the 3 of them!

Sandra Gutierrez



Isaiah——Crystal——Christian



After three decades of doing the after-school program at the CM Allen Homes, Bonnie Pecina is used to the kind of communication you see above. This happens at all three of our largest public housing sites but it is especially frequent at CM Allen because Bonnie has been working with kids, families, and elderly and disabled persons at that site for so long. When she showed this to me, I felt that it was best to just share it as it came to us and with the permission of the senders. This exchange took place in April 2019.

— S.D. Spencer, Editor

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

The Start of Leah's Journey

My name is Leah Waddill and I am the social work intern for the PODER Center this Spring. I was born in Dallas and grew up in a town just south of Dallas called Midlothian. After I graduated high school, I began my journey at Texas State University. I chose Texas State because of its beautiful campus and location that is so close to Austin! After visiting the campus during a Bobcat Weekend, I fell in love. This is also where I found social work. I have always known that I wanted to help others. Growing up, my family always lent a helping hand and the value of service was emphasized. Once I found out that there was a major that encompassed that, I was thrilled! After I graduate in May, I plan on getting my license and working with children in some capacity. I am open to any opportunity that the world brings! A challenge that I hope to overcome this semester is waking up early. I tend to be a night owl, but I am starting to enjoy the morning. During this internship, I hope to learn a new skill set that I can use in the future. I also hope to build my communication skills and confidence as a professional in the field of Social Work. Some of my hobbies include crochet, hiking, cooking, traveling and anything creative! I am really looking forward to this semester!



Yaya, Play Ball!

Hello! My name is Uraiya Grimaldo, but everyone calls me Yaya. I'm from Weslaco. I chose Texas State because my favorite teacher in high school attended this school. I was going to follow in his footsteps and become an athletic trainer, but then I found my true passion in Recreation Therapy, and luckily Texas State is the only school with an accredited program. I chose my major after volunteering at a wheelchair basketball tournament on campus. I realized I had found a program that combined my two main passions in life: helping people and sports. After graduation, I would like to continue concentrating on adaptive sports (competitive or recreational sports for people with disabilities) and my end goal is to create an adaptive sports training facility in the Rio Grande Valley. The most popular adaptive sports teams for kids and adults are in major Texas cities and don't go any farther south than San Antonio. The most difficult part about reaching my goal will be gathering the money and finding the adequate space. Those would be difficult for me to attain because it usually takes me a while to break out of my shell, but I think the older I become, the quicker I break out when meeting others. I'm very excited about the current fieldwork I have with the PODER program. This age



range and population is very new to me, and is definitely bringing me out of my comfort zone. This is a great place for me to learn the skills of holding young participants' attention, learning what type of organizations can provide valuable volunteers, and how to receive donations for a specific program. When I'm not stressing about school, my future, or working, I enjoy weight lifting, workout classes at the Student Recreation Center, and playing any sport with a ball besides soccer. I also enjoy listening to music, attempting to be a foodie with my friends, and laying in bed while binge watching a new series.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

Tuesdays @ 1:30

FREE Games,
Activities, Arts & Crafts,
and more!



Springtown Villa

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW INTERN

A Little Bit About Me:

Hello residents of Springtown Villa! I go by the name Addy. I am a social work student at Texas State University. I am a first generation college student. I was born and raised in San Antonio. My best friend is my mom. My favorite movie is *Spirited Away* by Hayao Miyazaki. This movie is a Japanese animation film. My favorite food is pizza. My hobbies include reading and drinking coffee.

Feelings and Expectations:

I was quite nervous and anxious filling this new intern position, but once I met a few of the residents here, I felt better. I was welcomed with open arms, literally! I have not met everyone yet, but those of you I have met have helped me to feel welcomed. I look forward to getting to know your names and more about you. Please feel free to ask me questions if you want to know more about me! Although I am a new intern and still learning, I will do my best for Springtown Villa and its residents.



RESIDENT COUNCIL

Meetings will be held on Feb. 5 & 19.

Officer elections are will be held on Feb. 5 from 9—11 AM.



Resident Council Officers for 2020 will be announced at 2PM during the first meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 3—5: Bake Sale

Feb. 4: Breakfast Taco Sale—10 AM

Feb. 12: Valentine's Day Crafts—3 PM

Feb. 13: Valentine's Day Party—3 PM

Feb. 17: Color Your Stress Away—4 PM

Feb. 26: Chair Exercise Class—3PM

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Hello everyone! My name is Jess Jaramillo. I am in my last semester of courses and doing my fieldwork here at CM Allen with Bonnie for the spring! I'm from Dallas and moved to beautiful San Marcos in 2016 after high school. It is now 2020 and I am a senior at Texas State majoring in Recreational Therapy as well as minoring in Psychology. I have a passion for helping others and hope to have a great impact on the kids at KAD while educating them on positive/healthy leisure choices that they enjoy and can use in the future. I hope to work for a psychiatric hospital or the VA after graduation. A little more about me: I love being adventurous, being outdoors, and listening to live music. I was fortunate enough to study abroad last summer in Australia and New Zealand, where I



backpacked 30 kilometers and skydived above the mountains. I look forward to growing and learning more here during my time at the Housing Authority and getting to know everyone! Come stop by to say hello!

Hello everyone! If we have not met yet my name is Anastasia Heath. I am 24 years old. I am interning here at CM Allen in the spring program. I was born in Germany but raised here in San Antonio. I moved here to San Marcos in 2017 and I am currently a senior at Texas State, majoring in social work. I'm hoping that during this internship I will be able to bring new fresh ideas and activities for the residents here in the community. The reason I chose social work is because this is my passion. I truly love helping others and I know this internship will really give me the experience and knowledge I need to be successful in the field. So, a little bit about myself, I love 80's movies and I love to sing. In high school I did many musicals like Mama Mia and Pitch Perfect. During my free time I spend a lot of time with my boyfriend and family, who are truly a huge support system for me and I wouldn't be where I am today without them. I will be graduating in May and as this is the last part of my degree program, I want to make the best of it! So, if we have not got the chance to meet yet, come by KAD. I love meeting new people!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 5 - United Way Reading with KAD Group at 3:45 PM
- Feb 12 - All Your Home Health at 1:30 PM
- Feb 13 - RBFCU-Money Management Class at 1:30 PM
- Feb 27 - Bookmobile Visit with KAD at 3:45 PM



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



Hi! My name is Sam Salinas and I am one of the interns for the Chapultepec after-school program. I am a senior at Texas State University majoring in Human Development and Family Sciences and will be graduating this May (yay!). I am thrilled to use my knowledge and skills in caring for these wonderful kids and

gain experience that will help me in my post-grad career. My plan is to go back to my hometown of Grand Prairie and teach full time as a preschool teacher.

Hello! My name is Arfa Ahmad and I am a senior majoring in Human Development and Family Sciences at Texas State. My goals this semester are to apply the knowledge I have acquired in the

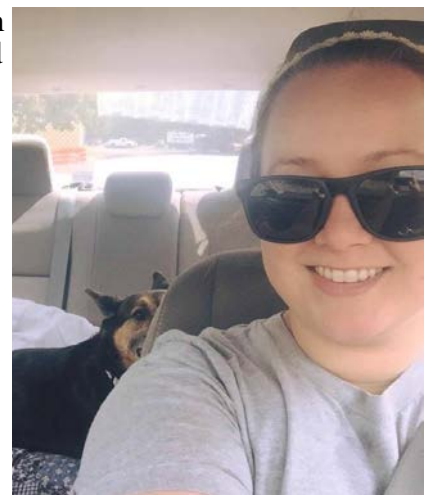
classroom and utilize them in real life experiences. I am very excited for what this semester has in store for us, and I hope this newsletter will allow us to share special moments throughout the semester that we have with your children. Thank you!



My name is Fatima Shamaa. I am a Senior at Texas State and will be graduating in June 2021. I am majoring in Recreation Administration with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation! My goal is to become a pediatric Special Needs Occupational Therapist. My parents are both in the medical field and I have two siblings with

varied abilities, making children and special needs my passions. I am excited to work with the San Marcos Housing Authority this semester! The children are amazing and have already taught me so much. My goal for this semester is to provide an active and inspiring environment for the children after school. Thank you for this opportunity!

Hi there! My name is Tessa and I am a social work student at Texas State University. I will be working as an intern with those in the Family Self Sufficiency program this spring. Before attending college, I was in the Navy and served aboard an aircraft carrier for four years. When not working or studying, I like to spend time with my husband, Joey, and my dog, Betty. I also enjoy reading, watching "The Office," and playing board games. Football is a passion of mine, no matter how badly my team plays. I'm obsessed with coffee, Bad Bunny, and silly jokes that I'm sure other people don't think are funny. I'm very close to my family, and we like to get together to grill and watch football. I am looking forward to working with y'all!





February



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A leap year is a calendar year containing an additional day added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year. The name "leap year" probably comes from the fact that while a fixed date in the Gregorian calendar normally advances one day of the week from one year to the next, the day of the week in the twelve months following the leap day will advance two days due to the extra day, thus "leaping over" one of the days in the week.

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*FSS CLASS:
INSURANCE
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*BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
AW @ 5:30 PM
FSS CLASS:
ADOLESCENT
DEVELOPMENT
CALC @ 6 pm*

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*Food Wise
Cooking Class
CALC @ 6 pm*

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LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners

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Nina Linda Ramos — Commissioner

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Learning Center

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