



FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM STRIKES AGAIN!

Our latest FSS participant to reach her goals shared her story with us. If you are a current resident of our Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs, and you want to be a part of the FSS program, call us at 512-396-3364 to learn more.

When I first started the program, I really didn't know what to expect. I'm a single mom of 2 boys. I worked but was losing hours because of health issues, so my income was not at its best. Talking with Mr. Spencer and setting goals, I started seeing differently. He also gave me several resources to get me started on reaching my goals. I am now working full-time and I am also a licensed notary agent, which was one of my goals, and I was able to get a start on my photography business. Now I'm in the process of trying to buy a home. If I can say anything, it's this: Set your goals and see them through. Whatever resources are available to you, use them. The goals you set, you have to want to achieve and you have to put in the work. Be blessed and reach for the stars.


~ Latasha Wright



WEBSITE HACKS

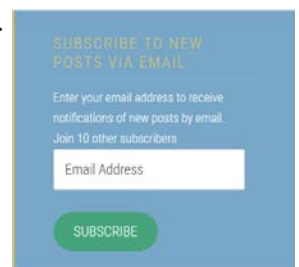


If you have visited our website (smpha.org), you may have noticed the graphic “d” in the upper right corner. If you click on it, the type font of the website will change to the [Dyslexie font](#). Even if you are not dyslexic, you may like it better.

Another cool thing you can do is get automatic notices of *new postings* on the website. Scroll down and look for this area on the right side of the page. 

Type in your email, click “submit” and you become a subscriber . . . for free!

There is other helpful stuff on that side of the website, including a list of categories and a search bar. There is a lot of history on our website, including newsletters going back to 2008, when the SMHA Oracle was first published!



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Thanksgiving Social

Allen Woods residents celebrated Thanksgiving by having an early dinner and bingo event. People came out to enjoy each other's company as well as a home-cooked meal provided by our service coordinator, Matt, along with yummy sides and desserts brought by participants.

Juanita Torres, from Edwards Home Health,



provided fun bingo games, with a blackout prize of a full thanksgiving meal for the lucky winner!



Haunted PODER



At the end of October, we resumed our annual tradition and converted the PODER Learning Center into a haunted house. The theme this year was a haunted carnival, with volunteers giving young and old a good scare!

Springtown Villa



Springtown Villa residents love Halloween! Some people love to scare folks and others like to be scared, but for most it's really all about the candy!



Kate Blankenship with Texas Agri-Life is one of the best resources that we have here at Springtown. On every visit, she teaches us another easy and nutritious recipe. She also makes suggestions on all kinds of healthy choices.



Over the years, Lino Puente and his family have volunteered to prepare and serve a meal during Thanksgiving for everyone at Springtown Villa. This is not an easy task. From everyone at Springtown, thank you so much for making our holiday so special.

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

Family Science Night w/Professor Gail Dickinson

Thank you for all the children and parents that participated in this insightful event! The children learned how to make homemade marshmallows from scratch. Everyone that came to the event was able to taste the delicious chocolate and vanilla marshmallows they made.



Thank you **Miranda Walker**, from the Hays County Food Bank, for providing fruitful information about nutrition. Several residents learned about healthy eating and how to prepare proper meals.



KD Chi Christmas

The sorority sisters brought an early Christmas to the children of KAD. We hope everyone enjoyed their presents.



We are excited to welcome a new representative, Brittney Rodriguez from Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind. There were many gift bags and goodies that were handed out to our Bingo winners!



Upcoming Events:

Medicare Mall w/Cal Hero



When? Wednesday Dec. 15 at 1:00 PM

Senior nutrition Class sponsored by the Hays County Food Bank

When? Thursday Dec. 16 at 1:00 PM

Come join us to receive more information regarding these agencies and their resources!



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

We had some special guests join us on November 17th for a dance program during the afterschool program! We had a great time using dance as a way to learn about math, share our names, and put motion to the seasons!



Thank you CIM TEYA for coming and letting the kids and parents participate in dance! We look forward to finding more ways to be expressive and creative!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN THE AREA:
Sights and Sounds of Christmas - San Marcos
December 2—4 and 9—11, 5:30—11 PM
Cost: Free for 12 yrs and under, \$5 per night for over 12 yrs.
Walk around light displays, visit the petting zoo, and see live performances.

Night in Bethlehem - Kyle
December 10—12th, 6—8:30 PM
Cost: Everything is Free
There is a Christmas story/Bible story tour followed by a craft area, hot coco and cookies, and a dance performance.

UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

December 20: CHRISTMAS Party @ 5:30 PM

December 30: Food Wise Class @ 6 PM

All scheduled events are subject to changes in COVID restrictions.





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Read about the special days this month by clicking on the images, including the images above. Get an electronic copy from our website at smpa.org.

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LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners

- Nina Linda Ramos — Chairperson
- Mittie Miller — Vice-Chairperson
- Rachel Durrance — Resident Comm.
- Richard Cruz — Commissioner
- Gloria Salazar — Commissioner

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Lana Wagner

Commissioners meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 PM.

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512-396-3363

RESIDENT SERVICES

Chapultepec Adult Learning Center

Family Self-Sufficiency

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Allen Woods PODER

Learning Center

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Springtown Villa

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