



Josue Rodriguez is an FSS participant, raising three kids on his own. He started taking classes at the Eyes On Me Advanced Barber College at the beginning of the fall semester in 2021. He began to connect with the owner of the school. He volunteered his time, doing extra chores around the shop. His eagerness to serve opened other doors of opportunity for him. The owner of the school decided to purchase another business site and start a fruteria. He asked Josue, and another student at the school, to help develop the company and signed them on to be co-owners. This new opportunity has taken a lot of time and effort, but Josue says he is excited to be moving forward with it. *El Coco Loko Fruit Factory*, just off the courthouse square on North LBJ Drive, will be opening soon so check it out.

He will finish school soon and will apply for a barber’s license. He has already been offered a job after he gets that license. This success has not come easily. It cost time and other sacrifices, but he did not give up and now things are starting to pay off. Josue said, "I hope I can be an inspiration for others. I mean, I know I don't have it all together yet and if they really knew what I've been through, then I know it would definitely inspire someone. Especially when I graduate the [FSS] program."

That’s what it’s all about. Success in life does not come without time and effort. When an FSS participant learns that lesson and starts to live it, we know they are on their way!



My name is Isabel Santellana and I will be in the main office as the Public Housing Specialist for the Allen Woods Homes. I enjoy what I do and at the end of the day, I feel the accomplishment of knowing I was able to help someone out.

With that said:

I laugh at silly things and cry with dreary things.

Work till my fingers fall off, go home

Just to mend them back with the joy of being with my family.

Silly and laughter lives in my home,

Prayer and food to fill my soul,

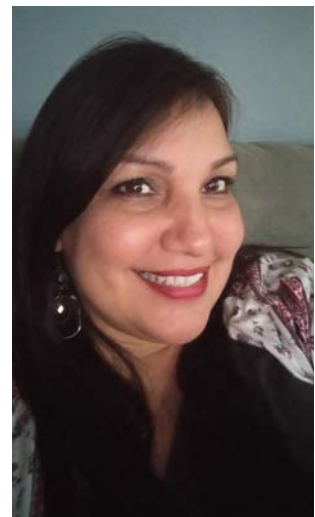
If you would for just a moment give a smile,

It'd take me for a mile.

People come and go but the ones that stay in my thoughts at the end of the day

are the ones that I was able to connect with and make them smile.

Have an amazing day . . .



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER**Spring Break**

Even though school was closed, that didn't stop PODER kids from having a fun-filled Spring Break! We started the week with a trip to the San Marcos Children's Park one day, took the kids to see *Shrek* on the big screen at Evo the next day, and finished it with a water day at PODER on the third day. If you wish to sign up your kids, contact Matt at 512-396-3367. Kids who actively participate get to be a part of fun outings like these.



Juanita Torres has been running Bingo/Loteria for our community every Wednesday for several years, and our residents showed their

appreciation by gifting her a gift basket.

Thank you Juanita you're the best! If you'd like to participate in Bingo/Loteria, it is every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 am!



Springtown Villa

Sara Michelle



Our names are Michelle Gutierrez and Sara Deleon. We are juniors at Texas State University and will be volunteering here until May. We will be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 12 PM. We are so happy to be here!



Thanks to our new volunteers, we now have art class every Tuesday at 10:00 AM. Come join us and see if we can find your inner Picasso!



On the second Thursday of every month, the Hays County Food Bank sponsors a cooking class at 10:30 AM. Make sure to stop by!



Thank you Gloria Galindo for sharing your holiday spirit. You won first prize in our door decoration contest for St. Patrick's Day!



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

Spring Break Fun

We had a great week at KAD! The week was full of adventures which included a trip to Cabela's in Buda where we had fun exploring the store while seeing lions, zebras, fish, and an elephant. The kids also had fun playing at the Playscape in San Marcos. No trip is complete without eating yummy food! Eating at Whataburger and Dan's was truly a highlight. The icing on the cake was Evo, where the kids had a blast watching *Shrek* on the big screen. What a week!



COLLEGE READINESS
COME HAVE FUN AND LEARN ABOUT COLLEGE!

EVENTS:

GAME NIGHT MARCH 24, 6-7:30 PM
BOBCAT DAY APRIL 9, 8AM-3PM
FIELD DAY APRIL 23, 12-3PM

We are a group of social work students partnering with the Housing Authority to put on a few fun and infromative events!

Questions? Contact cdw171@txstate.edu



Quick Survey



College Readiness

We are so grateful for a group of social work students from Texas State who are partnering with KAD to help high-school students learn about Texas State. If you know a student in high school who would like to participate, call the KAD office for more information: 512-392-6273.

APRIL EVENTS

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| Chair Zumba | April 7 @ 1:30 PM |
| Reading/Exercise Class | April 13 & 20 @ 4 PM |
| RBFCU Financial Literacy Class | April 19 @ 2 PM |
| HCFB Senior Nutrition Class | April 21 @ 1 PM |
| Senior Social | Every Wednesday @ 1:30 PM |
| Craft Class | Every Tuesday @ 1:30 PM |



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

We've been focused on team building, problem solving, and taking care of our environment at the after-school program lately!



Speaking of team building, Chapultepec residents are invited to join us for our next Resident Assembly meeting for a team building activity and discussion on what community changes you would like to see at Chapultepec! Keep an eye out for a text with the date and time soon!

Do you enjoy the outdoors, camping, or special events? We certainly do! In March we had the opportunity to participate in a recruitment fair with the Texas State University's Recreation Department. We found out about some great resources for you all and hope to have more outdoor programs coming your way!

Speaking of outdoor programs: don't miss out on the Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival Games event on April 9 in the Chapultepec courtyards! RSVP to (512) 353-5062 or Lydia@smpha.org if you plan to come so we can prepare enough supplies!

APRIL EVENTS:

4/9 - Easter Event from 12 to 2 PM

4/19 - RBFCU Class @ 6 PM

4/28 - Food Wise Class @ 6 PM



APRIL



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Check the Resident Services center at your site for special events for your neighborhood. Get an electronic copy from our website at smpha.org. Click on the text and images on this page to learn more about April, this month's special days, and the year 2022.

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LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners

Gloria Salazar — Chairperson
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 Rachel Durrance — Resident Comm.
 Adriana Castillo — Commissioner
 vacant — Commissioner

Executive Director

Lana Wagner

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

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Allen Woods Homes (Main Office)

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CM Allen Homes

512-353-1116

Chapultepec Homes

512-396-3364

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512-353-5061

Springtown Villa

512-396-3363

RESIDENT SERVICES

Chapultepec Adult Learning Center

Family Self-Sufficiency

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CM Allen KAD Korner Store

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Allen Woods PODER

Learning Center

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Springtown Villa

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