



Family Self-Sufficiency Graduation!

Thanks to the Family Self-Sufficiency program, our family has been able to move forward with our goals and advance our education. Since entering the program in 2017, I graduated from Texas State University and organized a non-profit, H.O.M.E. Center, that addresses the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

When I entered the program and began living at C.M. Allen in 2017, I was a full time college student working several different jobs while living in a motel room because I could not afford housing. At one point, I was working 4 jobs and 62 hours a week just to keep the motel room paid, purchase food and provide transportation to and from work. The experience was difficult for my children who were 16, 14 and 5 at the time.

This experience led me to want to do more for our community and to ensure that other families had the support to help them find affordable housing and remain sheltered instead of living in their cars or struggling to stay in a motel room. My income at the time we were in the motel was \$2,400 per month, but I would have needed an income of at least \$3,600 per month to rent an apartment for a family our size. I developed a non-profit that assists individuals who have lived through similar circumstances to help them with getting into a motel room while they save money for a deposit. Our organization also assists with the job search process and connects them with resources that can help them get into housing.

None of the work our non-profit has done could have been possible without the FSS program and access to affordable housing that allowed me the time to develop this non-profit. During the pandemic, while I was home caring for my children, I worked extra hours developing this program. The loss of income during the pandemic was challenging, but our income based housing allowed me to remain home with my sons and care for them. I worked gradually on building up my credit and getting additional income.

Now I am the organizer and program's director of H.O.M.E. Center. I know I would not be where I am if not for the support of the San Marcos Housing Authority and the FSS program.



Congratulations Hannah Durrance!

Partnership Highlight: Cenikor



This summer at CM Allen a special time was set aside just for middle and high school youth to gather with staff from the Cenikor Prevention team. The youth participated in fun activities and had conversations that include: positive self-care, stress and emotional coping strategies, peer pressure, goal-setting, and other age-appropriate health & wellness needs such as substance use & misuse facts. Fun activities focused on creative self-expression

projects – guided reflective journaling prompts, sensory slime & mini lava-lamp jars for stress management, collecting positive messages (quotes, song lyrics, poems, images, personal photos, etc.), and self-perspective activities. These activities collectively provided for the opportunity to create a personal “vision board” for each youth to assist in goal setting skills. The Prevention team enjoyed working with Ms. Bonnie and the youth this summer so they could see the potential in themselves!

We would like to thank the following organizations for their donations and support of our back to school event for the residents of the SMHA!



We would also like to thank:
Belini's Crafts
Josefina Martinez, DDS
Lazer Financial
RnL Ministries



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER**SEPTEMBER**

The summer program at PODER ended with a bang! On our last week we went swimming, explored an underground cave, and finished by going to Austin's to ride go-karts, climb rock walls, and eat enough pizza to last a year!

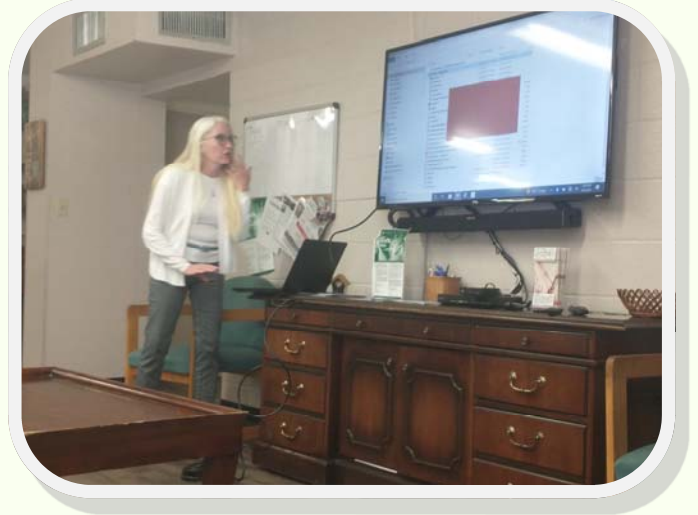
We had a blast this year, and can't wait to do it again next year!

The PODER After School Program is now officially starting! It will be from 3:30 to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Your child can come eat, play, and get help on homework. If you are interested in signing your child up please contact the PODER center at 512-396-3367 or come in to fill out a form!



Our coffee socials and Bingos are still going every week! we hold a social on Monday at 10:00 to 11:00 AM, and Bingos every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM! Feel free to come visit if you're feeling social!

Springtown Villa



Let me introduce the newest asset to Springtown Villa, Sherry Hoppmann. Sherry is a healthcare representative that provides coverage with companies such as United, Humana, Amerigroup and Wellcare. She also has extensive knowledge of all Medicare and insurance topics.

Movie day isn't just about the movie. It's really about coming in from the heat, getting something cold to drink, and relaxing with friends. We usually have snacks but this time around we had a homemade lemon cake with plenty of icing! We have Movie Day every Thursday at 3:00 PM.



Please join us and feel free to suggest one of your favorite movies.



Loteria, Spanish bingo, is a lot of fun. Juanita with Edward's Home Health is here every Monday morning. Most people don't usually look forward to Mondays but we do. Juanita is a kind and fun person to have around. She makes our Mondays great! And, she is really good at her job too. Ask her anything!

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

Bingo Fun!

You do not want to miss out on the fun we have at Bingo. We meet every Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Come join us and maybe you will win a prize! Juanita is the best Bingo caller and makes it so much fun!



EVENTS

Tuesdays 1:30 PM - Senior Craft Class
Wednesdays 1:30 PM - Senior Bingo & Health Care Agency Presentation
Every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 PM - Senior Nutrition Class; Hays County Food Bank
Every Thursday from 5-6 PM - Cenikor Teen Group
Come Sign Up for the KAD After School Program!

THANK YOU!

Salvation Army,
Freddie Ortiz,
Better Dais
Foundation &
T. Renee' Rainey
For The Backpacks!!!



ICECREAM
PARTY!!!!!!



A letter from T. Renee' Rainey about the program at KAD:
You've created a supportive environment for your children. It's evident you are instilling and teaching principles that all children need to grow into educated, future leaders and successful citizens. Through your love and dedication, these children are getting invaluable lessons each day that grow them into healthy, happy people.

I'm so proud to have helped your children through the Hays County Republican Women members that sponsored each of your children. I could see in the smiles and through their hugs that they were very thankful to receive their own personal backpack and school supplies. Their reactions told me that they felt ready to start their new school year.

Have a great school year!

T. Renee' Rainey, M.S.
Retired Senior Lecturer/Student Teacher Supervisor/
Placement Advisor
Health and Human Performance Dept.
Texas State University, Jowers



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

We had a blast at the Back to School Party! Check out the Partnership Highlights page where we thank the many organizations that made the party possible.

Thank you to the families who came and made it a fun and special night. We are so proud of each of you as you start back to school! We're wishing you a fantastic new school year!



Upcoming Events:

Starting in September we have a month-long health challenge going on! Be sure to check your email for the full list of events or stop by the office! Join us September 6, 6-6:30 PM on Zoom to learn more!

September 22, 6-7 PM - First Time Home Buyers Class



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Click on the images to learn more about September 2022. Access an electronic copy from our website at smpha.org. Check the resident services office at your site for special events for your neighborhood!</p>				1	2	3
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<p>Executive Director</p> <p>Lana Wagner</p> <p><i>Commissioners meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 PM.</i></p>		