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Congratulations Graduates!

On June 9, a Graduation Luncheon was held at Rose Hall to honor graduating high school seniors along with graduates of the CTHC GED Program. The five honorees were (left to right) Daniela Martinez (THA) who plans to attend Temple College; Dakota Krieger (THA) who plans to work and continue to write fiction; Toravion Belcher (THA) who

received a scholarship to attend Cisco College and play football; Bridget Schooley (THA) who plans to join the Air Force and become a nurse; and Monica Steger (BHA) who plans to attend Temple College.

Congratulations to these graduates on their success!



CURRENT & UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Kyle - replace boiler
 Frances Graham Hall - install store-front windows and common area renovation
 Adams Bend play court lights
 Raintree fence installation
 BHA unit renovation - 16 apartments
 Friendship House - foundation repair
 Autumn Leaves/Ratliff roof replacement
 Frances Graham Hall patio / landscaping improvements
 JMH play area equipment installation (Area 2)
 Tembrell landscaping improvements / exterior enhancements

For details or more information on any resident programs or activities, contact the Resident Services Department at 773-2009, extensions 220, 221, 222 or 233 for Temple. For Belton, please call 939-5321, extension 25.

Calendar of Events for Residents

Mon. / Wed. / Fri.	Temple GED Class at Rose Hall - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays	Belton GED Class at BHA Resident Center - 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Mondays & Wednesdays	Temple Computer Class at Rose Hall - 3:30 pm to 5 pm
Mondays & Wednesdays	Belton Computer Class at BHA Resident Center - 1:30 pm to 3 pm
July 1	BHA Senior Outing to Yettie Polk Park - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
July 13 & August 17	THA Family Nutrition Class at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
July 14 & August 18	BHA Family Nutrition Class at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
July 20 - 23 & 27 - 30	Youth Star Program at the Friendship House - 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
August 4	BHA Housekeeping Workshop at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
August 11	THA Housekeeping Workshop at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
August 19	BHA Backpack Pick Up at BHA Resident Center - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
August 19	THA Backpack Pick Up at THA Resident Services Office - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Do You Need A Scholarship?

CTHC has scholarships available for many of the new certificate/vocational programs offered by several local colleges including Temple College, Central Texas College, Central Texas Beauty College and Texas State Technical College. Some of these programs are Business Management, Child Development, Computer System Design, Biotechnology, Dental Hygiene, Emergency Medical Services, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care, Surgical Technology, Vocational Nursing,

Pharmacy Tech, Cosmetology, Automotive Mechanic/Technician, Hospitality, Legal Assistant and Television/Radio Broadcasting. Many other programs are available; see your Social Services Coordinator for more information.

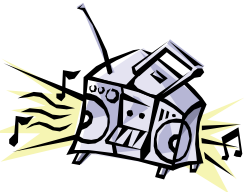
CTHC also offers scholarships for Dual-Credit courses for high school students. This program allows students to get a "jump" on college by earning college credit while still in high school. Remedial classes for college students are covered as well.

In addition, CTHC offers GED classes to students of all ages. Classes in Belton are held at the BHA Resident Center, 807 W. Ave. I on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. In Temple, classes are held at Rose Hall, 107 N. 9th St. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Childcare is available, and CTHC will pay for the GED exam.



** Important Reminders **

Annual Inspection Information: During Annual Inspections, Housing staff will determine if items in the apartment are not being maintained and if maintenance is required. A work order will be issued based on the inspection, and items that are not normal wear and tear will be repaired and/or replaced and charges will be billed to your account. Billing notices are mailed monthly and payment is due the first of the following month when rent is due. You should refer to your Schedule of Charges for specific amounts. Removal of hair, grease, or food from drains is not considered normal wear and tear and charges will be billed for unclogging drains.



Window Decorations: Aluminum foil, bamboo shades or other materials may not be placed over the windows. Window coverings such as drapes or curtains may be installed on the inside of the unit. Mini blinds should be the only window coverings visible to the outside.

Quiet Time: We need to remember to be courteous toward our neighbors and keep them in mind when we have guests visiting. Remember, a 10:00 p.m. quiet time is to be observed by your household to include guests. No loitering or gathering is allowed on porches, hallways, parking lots or outdoors in any other place on the complex after this time. In consideration of other residents, noise levels must be kept to a minimum after 10:00 p.m. Noise radar: If the radio/television/conversation can be heard outside the apartment or vehicle, it is too loud.

For Grades Sake Youth Rewarded!

On June 5, a total of 39 BHA and THA youth celebrated the end of the school year with a For Grades Sake field trip to Austin Park & Pizza where they enjoyed a full day of games, food, and fun. The group played video games, sprayed each other in the bumper boats, climbed the rock wall, battled in laser tag, and raced on the go-cart track! Everyone had a great time. Sign up for the next school year so you can join in on the fun!



Recycling 101

Have you wanted to do your part to help our environment by recycling but were not sure how to start? It's easy if you break it down into a few simple steps.

1. Learn what the City recycling program will accept. Some of the most common items are plastic bottles (water, laundry soap, shampoo, etc.), newspapers, magazines, phone books, aluminum cans, glass bottles & jars (clear or brown but not green), cardboard & paper.

2. Decide what you will recycle and use containers to sort and store the items until you can take them to the recycling center. You could use plastic

bins, cardboard boxes, or even large bags.

3. Know where and when to drop off. The city has two locations with the following hours:



Recycle Center #1
 3015 Bullseye Lane, off of East Avenue H and Little Flock Road
Hours:
 7 days/week
 24 hrs/day

Recycle Center #2
 602 Jack Baskin Drive, northeast corner of Avenue H at South 31st

Street, behind the Gober Party House
Hours:
 Friday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Saturday - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Plastic bags, such as those used at HEB and Wal-Mart, are also recyclable. HEB has a receptacle near the front door to recycle these bags. You can also purchase cloth bags for as little as 99¢ which can be used over and over. They actually hold more groceries and never tear!

Every person who recycles does make a difference in the reduction of waste and how much ends up in our landfills. The more we commit to recycling, **the bigger the impact.**

Juneteenth 2009 Celebration

The Friendship House celebrated its 8th Annual Juneteenth Festival on Thursday, June 18.

The day opened with a program centered on the history of the holiday. The guest speaker for this event was Sonjonette Crossley, BSW. Ms. Crossley emphasized striving for a better life through education and practicing good moral habits for our children.

With an attendance of about 250, the event proceeded with food, music, and fashion, in addition to a domino and checkers tournament.



Teens and Children - Safety on the Internet

Using the internet to target children and teens has been called a national crisis. With more children and teenagers home during the summer months and having more time and access to the Internet, online activity by sexual predators is expected to increase.

To continue to educate parents about the dangers our children can face on the Internet, the OAG's office has launched the Texas Teen Page that

includes a video and tips for online safety.

These are a few tips to discuss with children in your household:

- Don't give out personal information such as where you go to school, your address, or your telephone number to someone you meet online.

- Report unwanted solicitations to your parents or a trusted adult.
- Use chat rooms that have moderators and report any inappropriate behavior such as bullying, sexual exploitation, or other fraud to the chat room moderator (as well as to the police if applicable).

To visit the Texas Teen Page, go to:
<http://www.oag.state.tx.us/teens/resources/internet.shtml>

KALEIDOSCOPE NEWS

Message from the Director

As the new director of Kaleidoscope, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the staff, children, parents and guardians for a warm welcome. I am looking forward to our time together. In order to maintain a strong relationship in care and communication, I urge you to come forward with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My door is always open or you may use our new comment box located at the front desk.



Thank you,
Christine Gensler

Annual NAEYC Review

In our continued effort to provide the best care possible, Kaleidoscope has completed its annual NAEYC review. The center is proud to be the only NAEYC accredited program in the area. We have also completed our annual vision and hearing screening for the kindergarten-bound students as well as completing the annual TEEM assessments and facility reports.

TEEM Program

As the school year ends, Kaleidoscope would like to give a big thank you to the staff, students, and TISD personnel (especially Camilla Shamburger) for all of the hard work and effort that went into making another successful TEEM (Texas Early Education Model) school year.

The TEEM program helps prepare our children for school by providing the structure, curriculum, and assessments needed to develop the necessary skills for their future. We are looking forward to another great TEEM school year in the fall.



New employees are Christine Gensler, Director, and Assistant Teacher Leslie Christoferson in addition to Texas Workforce personnel Tonya Mendez and Stephanie McCuskey.



The school-age program and staff worked hard to put on a wonderful presentation for the Juneteenth Celebration at the Friendship House.

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Kaleidoscope has openings for the SUMMER!

Call 899-2415 to reserve your spot!



We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!