

Community Programs are Buzzing Like Springtime Bees

Community Programs are buzzing around the flowerbeds of sites this Spring...

The **Youth Recognition Program** is at the busy mid-year point. Many sites have already completed the majority of the program requirements and are "on the home stretch."

Ashley Ridge participants are busy tagging items for their yard sale fundraiser. They plan to create crafts and read to the elderly for their community service.

Cane Creek Village participants have sold Ozark lollipops. They will set up a booth at Childfest for their community service.

East Broad Crossing youth will sell Krispy Kreme Donuts for their fundraiser. They are preparing for their community service at a local nursing & rehab facility.

Highland Village participants are selling 50/50 tickets. They will also sell nachos and drinks at the local lawn mower races.

Ridge Run Apartments is busy selling two-year pocket planners. They will do "spring cleaning" for their community service.

Spaulding Woods youth are planning on sweet treats for their residents. They will combine a yard sale with a bake sale. They will also clean up the site for their community service.

Thorne Ridge residents have planned a spaghetti dinner for their fundraiser. They will buzz around a bit for their community service, as they plan to read, sing, and make door-stops for the local elderly. They also plan to

help with a display booth for Relay For Life.

Twin Cedars will freshen up the locals with an Avon sale in conjunction with a yard sale. They have been busy helping a local church sort and distribute items for Angel Food Ministries.

White Oak youth presented their local elderly with Easter lilies. They are in the process of coordinating a "thank you" card drive for our service men and women overseas.

Here are some very YRP important dates to remember:

- June 1st – Deadline to submit Trip Plan & Budget
- June-July – Host year-end recognition trip
- August 15 – Deadline to submit post-trip expenses

For sites wishing to participate in the 2008-2009 YRP, we must have your site application no later than SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 (we begin accepting applications on August 1). Remember space is limited to the first 150 participants!

The **Senior Recognition Program** participants are busy preparing for their social events & fundraisers.

Important dates to remember for the Senior Recognition Program:

- August 15 – Deadline to submit Trip Plan & Budget
- September – Host year-end recognition trip
- October 15 – Deadline to submit post-trip expenses

Sites wishing to participate in the 2008-2009 SRP must have your

site applications in no later than October 1, 2008 (we will begin accepting application on September 1). Remember space is limited to the first 225 residents and we had to deny applications for 2007-2008. Get those application in early!

For every site, the deadline to submit an application for the **Resident Wellness Center** or **Technology Learning Center** is one year from the property's Placed In Service Date.

For the **Community Grant Program**, the application deadline is one year from the property's Fully Qualified Occupancy date.

The **Adult Scholarship Program** applications must be received within two weeks of the drop / add date of the respective school. Remember, you must submit a renewal application for each semester and GPA must be 2.75 or above.

We would hate to see anyone miss these deadlines, so be sure to get those applications in on time!

If you have a question about any of our community programs, feel free to contact Katherine at 919-532-1792 or kocchipinti@cahec.com.

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Never Give Up on Your Dreams



Wileasher Barrera is a David T. Peet Adult Scholarship recipient from Nantucket Lofts in Kinston.

In June, 1991, Ms. Barrera went back to school for her GED. She completed the requirements in only three months and was able to move from janitorial work into caring for individuals who are mentally challenged. Once in this profession, she knew she wanted to be their voice, someone willing to advocate on their behalf. She began as a direct care provider and then progressed to being a habilitational aide. Her experiences in this field

opened doors for a promotion to program manager for two homes. This was to be the final level she could achieve without a degree.

At this point she decided to go back to school to pursue a degree in psychology. She started college with the support of many, especially her husband and grandmother. Many stumbling blocks fell into her path along the way. She had to entirely give up her schooling one year due to the loss of her husband and grandmother. She was also solely responsible for sending her son to college. Times were extremely difficult and stressful, but she was not deterred from her goal.

After much hard work and dedication, on Saturday, May 3, 2008, Ms. Barrera will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Justice.

In addition, Ms. Barrera's outstanding academic performance for Fall 2007 has given her the honor of being on North Carolina Wesleyan College's President's List.

Ms. Barrera's own response to her achievement is, "Never did I imag-

ine that I would end up getting two degrees, nor did I give up on my dreams." It is her desire to work and advocate for troubled youth, either as a juvenile court counselor or as a counselor at a youth detention center. She currently volunteers as a Guardian ad Litem in Lenoir County.

Sue Wooten, manager of Nantucket Lofts, states "Ms. Barrera has been a model resident. She has impressed me with her focus and determination to overcome numerous obstacles and receive her degree. We are very proud of her."

"I would like to encourage everyone that is interested in furthering their education to take advantage of the help that is out there. You may have some tragedies and setbacks to overcome, but just DO NOT STOP. The rewards are greater than you could imagine."

-Wileasher Barrera

Congratulations, Ms. Barrera!
We wish you the best of luck in your new career!

Writing Workshops!!!

Back by popular demand! CAHEC has decided to partner with the North Carolina Writers' Network to offer another year of journaling workshops.

We have scheduled a series of nine at the following sites. Please be sure to join us when we visit your area!

May 13 10:00a—12:00p
Dallas High School, Dallas, NC

May 20 1:00p—3:00p
Cashie, Windsor, NC

May 28 10:00a—12:00p
Golden Leaf, Wilson, NC

July 24 10:00a—12:00p
Whispering Oaks, Salisbury, NC

July 29 10:00a—12:00p
Ahoskie High School, Ahoskie, NC

August 5 1:00p—3:00p
Kinston Hotel, Kinston, NC

August 12 10:00a—12:00p
Wallace Senior Village, Wallace, NC

August 26 10:00a—12:00p
Cedar Trace, Laurinburg, NC

August 28 10:00a—12:00p
Tentative Booking

Contact BJ for more details:

919-788-1805 or baungst@cahec.com.



2007 Workshop at Perfection Park

Updates to our Website

Big News!!! We've added all Community Programs documents to our website! A few of our guidelines and forms have changed, so ***please look over the guidelines closely and use only these forms in the future!***

On the main Community Programs page (www.cahec.com/programs) you will find our general guidelines, a fact sheet for 2008 and a site application to participate in CAHEC's Community Programs.

On the David T. Peet Adult Scholarship page (www.cahec.com/programs/asp.cfm) you will find ASP guidelines, the FAQ, a poster, our application and a student status affidavit.

On the Community Grant page (www.cahec.com/programs/cgp.cfm) you will find CGP guidelines, the template for your resident survey, a poster, our application and the installation verification form.

On the HomeOwnership page (www.cahec.com/programs/hop.cfm) you will find HOP guidelines, the FAQ, a poster and our enrollment and request for payment forms.

On the Resident Wellness Center page (www.cahec.com/programs/rwc.cfm) you will find RWC guidelines, our application, the installation verification form, a resident user form and the rules of operation.

On the Senior Recognition page (www.cahec.com/programs/srp.cfm) you will find SRP guidelines, the FAQ, a poster, our application, resident activities forms, the kick-off check request, the trip plan & budget and your consent & release.

On the Technology Learning Center page (www.cahec.com/programs/tlc.cfm) you will find TLC guidelines, our application, the installation verification form, a resident user form, the rules of operation and how to install parental controls.

On the Youth Recognition page (www.cahec.com/programs/yrp.cfm) you will find YRP guidelines, the FAQ, a poster, our application (including mentor and student applications), the progress assessment form, kick-off and mid-year check requests, the trip plan & budget, consent and release forms for chaperones and participants and the scholarship request form.

2008 CAHEC Partners Conference

Embassy Suites, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.
Cary, NC 27513 (919) 677-1840
Wednesday, June 11-Thursday, June 12
Property Managers Workshop:
Surviving the Housing *Blues*

Come one, come all...join us for our annual Partners Conference in June! Registration opens at 11am on Wednesday morning. We'll serve a boxed lunch and have entertainment provided by a local barbershop quartet.

On Wednesday afternoon we'll have three sessions: determining tax credit eligibility, fair housing, and competitive bids. On Wednesday we'll also select our game show participants and host a cocktail reception.

Thursday morning begins with registration at 7:30, followed by the game show at 8:30. This year we're doing our affordable housing version of Hollywood Squares! There will be two sessions before lunch (marketing and lease-up plus Community Programs). The luncheon will consist of the presentation of the 2008 CAHEC awards.

Thursday afternoon the very popular Detective Sergeant Klein returns to do a session on drugs and crime.

Finally, we'll attack the A.C.E. exam and adjourn until next year.

The Embassy Suites hotel has a special conference rate of \$169.00 including cooked-to-order breakfast! This rate is limited to bookings made on or before May 25, 2008, so be sure to make those reservations as soon as possible. Call the hotel directly at 919-677-1840, or click on the link from our website at www.cahec.com.

A less expensive alternative, StudioPLUS, is within walking distance of the conference site and also has suites available for CAHEC Partners Conference at a reduced rate. For Reservations, call 919-677-9910. These rooms are held until June 9th.



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CAHEC's mission is to raise and invest equity capital in qualified affordable rental housing developments through the use of low income housing tax credits, to empower residents in developments CAHEC helps finance, and to promote homeownership.

CAHEC Sprouting with New Growth this year:

Bonnie L. Gravitte joined CAHEC as a Compliance Manager on March 3, 2008. She is responsible for monitoring compliance with tax credit regulations for a portfolio of over 40 properties.

Ms. Gravitte has attended numerous professional courses on topics such as fair housing and tax credits to further her knowledge in the affordable housing field. These courses have been offered by various associations including SAHMA and A.J. Johnson Consulting Services, Inc.

Prior to joining CAHEC, Ms. Gravitte had seven years experience as a site manager for a LIHTC property and eighteen years experience as a claims department manager in the life, health & disability insurance field.

Ms. Gravitte received a B.A. degree in Business Administration from Elon College in Elon College, NC.



Bonnie L. Gravitte



Matt McCarter

Matt McCarter joined CAHEC on April 1, 2008, where he is responsible for the asset management of almost 50 projects.

He is a licensed real estate agent and a member of the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Prior to joining CAHEC, Mr. McCarter was Director of Housing, Finance and Administration at AchieveAbility, a non-profit organization in Philadelphia that provides affordable housing and supportive services to low-income and homeless families. While there, he was responsible for the development and management of affordable housing and for the financial management of the organization.

Mr. McCarter earned an MA in Economics with a minor in Mathematics from the University of Minnesota, a BA in Economics from Pennsylvania State University, and an MSW in Management and Planning from Temple University.