HOMEROUSHIP FAIR SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24, 2017!

For 20 years DHA has helped their residents work to buy a home to call their own. The 2017 Homeownership Fair will be held on June 24. Hundreds attend classes on the homeownership process, down payment assistance, credit repair, money management, and more. Agencies provide resources and information on supportive services for homeownership preparation. This event is free, lunch is provided, and there will be children’s activities for children five years old and up. A big screen TV and other excellent prizes will be raffled!

The Fair Includes:

- Resource tables
- Finance classes
- Homeownership classes
- Kid's activities
- Lunch
- Raffles

SAVE THE DATE!

Homeownership Fair 2017
BUILDING YOUR FOUNDATION

June 24, 2017 9:30am - 2:30pm
To register call (720) 956-3801 or go to:
www.denvercommunityventures.org/homeownership-fair

Mulroy Opportunity Center: 3550 West 13th Avenue Denver 80204
DHA HOMEOWNER REUNION DINNER

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Homeownership teams hosted a DHA Home Owner Reunion Dinner to celebrate successes of DHA clients. FSS participants and Home Buyer’s Club members heard inspiring stories from several of DHA’s successful home owners, including Edith, Lisa, Teresa, and Clementine, who is in the process of purchasing a home. These former DHA residents shared their successes, experiences, and challenges buying a home and maintaining homeownership.

They all talked about their experiences in the FSS and Homeownership Programs and how these programs helped them increase their income, reduce their debt, repair their credit, and buy a home. Edith and Lisa bought their homes 18 years ago!

Some of DHA’s partners, including Assist to Sell, Fairway Mortgage, Volante Realty, Habitat, and Remax/Uptown shared great advice on the home buying process. CHFA and Land Title provided fun materials and gifts for everyone.

We will continue to hear many more success stories as DHA residents move out of DHA into a home of their own. If you are interested in learning how you can work towards home ownership, contact Ana at 720-956-3807 or afigue@denverhousing.org.

RESIDENT WORKING TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Byamun immigrated to the United States with the goal of purchasing a home for his family of eight. Byamungu has been in the FSS program for almost two years and has faced many obstacles throughout his time in the program. The most challenging area for him has been maintaining employment because he is learning English. He recently started working at DPS part-time and is focusing on learning new job skills and taking English as second language (ESL) courses. Through working with his FSS resource advisor and the ESL instructor from CCD, he is enrolled in advanced ESL classes and will eventually take classes at CCD to supplement his education, help him realize the goal of providing for his family financially, and working towards homeownership.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY AT THOMAS BEAN

An intergenerational activity was held at Thomas Bean on March 18. Children worked with seniors to complete vision boards that tackled the emotional, mental, and physical health needs of the residents. The vision boards provided a positive bonding experience and helped residents set long term goals to work towards.
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COMMUNITY EVENTS HELD IN APRIL

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Denver Human Services provided grants to thirteen agencies in the Denver area, including DHA, highlighting the roles we all play in preventing child abuse. With this grant, DHA was able to have five community dinners, at Westridge, Westwood, Columbine, North Lincoln, and Quigg Newton. At these dinners, residents came together, shared a meal, participated in activities, and learned about child abuse prevention and healthy families.

**NORTH LINCOLN** The North Lincoln Homes “Health Family Community Potluck” was held on April 1. At this event, children made pinwheels (the symbol for child abuse awareness), played games, and entered into a raffle for zoo tickets. Community Resource Officer, Robert Gibbs handed out Denver Police Officer stickers and all children received gifts.

**WESTRIDGE** DHA partnered with Your Family, Your Neighborhood to host a dinner on April 5 at Westridge. Children made pinwheels and adults listened to a presentation on prevent child abuse and positive parenting tips.

**COLUMBINE** On April 26, 2017, Columbine Homes hosted “Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers” with I’m Unique. Dinner was provided and the group talked about child abuse awareness and prevention and shared some stories.

**QUIGG** DHA and the Denver Dream Center hosted “Get Active Day” for Quigg Newton residents at the Aztlan Community Center on April 29. The event featured sports, raffles, a meal, and the opportunity for neighbors to connect.

**WESTWOOD** At Westwood Homes, DHA and The Bridge Project worked together to provide a fun family pizza party, pinwheel making craft, and raffles!

All of the events were a great success and couldn’t have happened without the participation of the residents and the Department of Human Services.

**Thank you to participating residents and the Department of Human Services!**

Contact any DHA service coordinator for more information on how you can help prevent child abuse and neglect!
QUIGG NEWTON PET PARTY!
The management office at Quigg was trying to help residents update their pet registration in accordance with their lease and the service coordinator was working to bring in a mobile pet clinic to serve residents. To meet both goals, Management and the service coordinator planned a “Pet Party.” At the party, residents received free pet wellness check-ups and vaccines, entered a raffle to win a pet gift basket by updating their paperwork with management, and had the opportunity to participate in a pet parade. Thirty four residents received free services from PetAid and many of the dog owners enjoyed themselves, showing off their pets and spending time in the community.

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HOW CAN TRANSIT BETTER SERVE YOU?
What features would make a transit system ideal for you (buses, light rail, etc.)? If you have access to the internet, visit https://denvermovestransit.org, to build your own transit system. Your responses will guide the Denver Moves: Transit plan and shape its recommendations.

HOW SHOULD DENVER GROW?
The Game Plan Growth in Denver has been significant in recent years and is expected to continue. You can be a part of the discussion by playing the game online at https://maptionnaire.com/en/2714/reboot or having your Service Coordinator request a hard copy of the game by emailing blueprint@denvergov.org.

GAME PLAN EXPLORES PARKS AND RECREATION PRINCIPLES
The Game Plan team is asking for feedback on the future vision of Denver’s park and recreation system. To get hard copy surveys, ask your Service Coordinator to email gameplan@denvergov.org.

THE STATE OF DENVER’S PEDESTRIAN AND TRAIL NETWORK
Stay tuned! The Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails team will soon release a report summarizing the existing conditions of Denver’s pedestrian and trail network.