

NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY

Norwalk Housing Foundation Students Off to College With 32 Scholarships Worth \$110,000

At 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 2, the Norwalk Housing Authority and Norwalk Housing Foundation hosted the 2008 Norwalk Housing Foundation College Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Mathews Park. This year, which marked the Scholarship Program's tenth anniversary awards ceremony, the 2008 NHF College Scholarship Committee presented a record number of thirty-two scholarships. This marks an 30% growth over last year's number of recipients.

This year's recipients include: Sammiyah Banks, Dwayne Bennett, Charles Brown, Jr., Gustavo Cardozo, Javier Ceja, Suria Ceja, Tammara Clark, Jalisa Cuevas, Jessy Cuevas, Kwamia Dorleans, Nadege Francois, Maria Gabriel, Nadia Hassan, Stephanie Hernandez, Shanise Jones, Nneka Little, Ryan Little, Andrea Melton, Elizabeth Morales, Antonio Passerelle, Eric Persaud, James Pierre, Shelot Pierre, Michael Lamar Robinson, Brandon Segovia, Kimberly Seward, Jeffrey Sierra, Ayla Smith, Jasmin Soto, Antoine Yee, Daniel Zapata and Davidson Zetrenne.



This remarkable number of awards for public housing students could not have been achieved except for generous community support and partnerships from local corporations and foundations that include Abcon Sales Corporation, AT&T, Bank of New Canaan, The Bauer Foundation, Connecticut Light & Power, Carl Cooke, The Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Memorial Foundation, Diageo, Fairfield County Bank, GE Corporate Financial Services, K Group, Paul Mazzarulli, Navios Corporation, Norwalk Housing Foundation, Northrop Grumman, Sempra, Patriot National Bank, Ticket Pro and

United Way.

A special Community Partner Award was presented to Kristi Colburn, GE Corporate Financial Services, Vice President, Capital Markets, Global Syndications for her special support of the NHF College Scholarship Fund.

Free or Reduced Price School Meals!

Available at your child's school!! The Norwalk Public Schools offer well-balanced meals, which include whole grain bread, fresh fruits, vegetables, salads, sensible snacks, low fat milk and more!

Your child can receive these meals for **FREE** or at a **REDUCED PRICE** right from the first day of school **Please contact your child's school or call 854 4000 or 854-4180 TODAY!**



Affordable Family Medical Insurance



Connecticut has a new and revised HUSKY /Charter Oak health insurance program. If you or anyone you may know has had no health insurance coverage for 6 months, check out the new HUSKY/Charter Oak inforce insurance at: 1-877-285-8759 or 1-877-772-8625.

Do You Have Questions For NHA Staff

We invite you to send in your questions and/or concerns via the internet at norwalkha.org. There is a Q & A section listed on the website. So, send in your questions and we'll post the answers in the next issue of NHA News.



Notice of Public Hearing Amendment Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan

The Norwalk Housing Authority will be conducting a Public Hearing for its Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan amendment. Chapter 2 insert on Fair Housing within the FSS Program and clarification to PHA Policy on Chapter 5 to consider live-in aides when determining bedroom size. The Hearing will be held on September 17, 2008 at 5:30 pm at the main office located at 24 1/2 Monroe Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Copies of the Norwalk Housing Authority Agency Plan and supportive documentation will be available for review at the Norwalk Housing Authority Central Office, 24 1/2 Monroe Street, Norwalk beginning Thursday, July 31, 2008 from 9:00 am to 5:00pm.

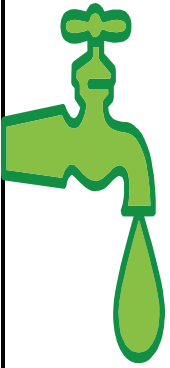


Know Your Status!

The use of injection drugs accounts for the highest mode of transmission among people living with HIV/AIDS in Norwalk. Norwalk Health Department would like to meet the HIV testing needs of those most at risk for possible infection and would like to make the community aware that there is a local resource available to provide free and confidential HIV testing services. Call Lynette Gibson, AIDS Program Coordinator at 854-7979 or e-mail her at lgibson@norwalkct.org.



Water Conservation Tips for Everybody!



- Check for toilet leaks by placing some food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing that leak can save 400 gallons per month.
- Don't let the water run when shaving, brushing your teeth, or washing your face. Just turning the water on when you need it saves over 3,000 gallons per year.
- Avoid unnecessary flushing. Dispose of tissues, insects and other waste in the trash.
- For baths, close the drain before turning

the faucet. To balance the initial burst of cold water, add only hot water later.

- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run for a cool glass of water.

Students Report on Visiting the Pequot Museum

Two students who went on the trip have graciously decided to share their thoughts on the days experiences.

On Thursday we went to the Pequot Museum. I remember the Ice Age portion when the tour guide talked about how 20,000 years ago the ice was 2 miles thick. The next stop was Hannah. She was 12 years old. She was picking strawberries. When a girl named Sarah came along and took her strawberries she got her back by hitting her in the head with a rock and killing her. She was arrested and hung in front of a lot of people. She was used as an example of what would happen to anyone who stepped out of line. 2 old ladies started bingo so Native Americans could have jobs. After years it became the Foxwoods Casino.—Miguel Cruz

On 8/14/08, 20 West went to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. We learned about the Pequot people and their history. I remember learning about the Three Sisters. The three sisters were a plant with corn and beans and leaves close to the ground which kept the ground moist. I also remember about the slave girl Hannah whose father was a black slave and her mother was Pequot. She was the youngest person to be killed by the law. She murdered a girl named Sarah because she stole her strawberries. I remember the village and the medicine man that was helping the guy get better because the new people brought new diseases like small pox and influenza. The trip was really fun and educational. I'd love to go again.—Ashelyn Davis

Would You and Some of Your Neighbors Like to Establish a Tenant Council?

Carla Conway, Family Outreach Coordinator is the person who would be able to assist you in establishing a tenant council for your development. Carla can be reached at 838-8471 ext. 176.

Are you looking for a Job or a better paying job? (Continued From August Edition)

Tip 4: Be Positive - In particular, avoid negative comments about past employers. **Tip 5: Adapt** - Listen and adapt. Be sensitive to the style of the interviewer. Pay attention to those details of dress, office furniture, and general decor which will afford helpful clues to assist you in tailoring your presentation. **Tip 6: Relate** - Try to relate your answers to the interviewer and his or her company. Focus on achievements relevant to the position. **Tip 7: Encourage** - Encourage the interviewer to share information about his or her company. Demonstrate your interest. **Good Luck!**



Feeding the Birds!



It has come to the attention of Norwalk Housing Authority that some residents have been feeding the birds at the developments. Feeding birds is not permitted because it attracts rodents of all kinds and may pose a serious health hazard. Thank you for your immediate cooperation.

Keys to Homeownership

Attending a Homebuyer Education class should be one of your options when considering purchasing your first home, especially now with the rise in foreclosures.

Attending a Homebuyer education class you'll receive helpful information such as: Are you ready to buy a home? Can you afford a home? Budget & credit, and importantly understanding the terminology used throughout the mortgage process. Classes are held monthly in Stamford, Norwalk and Bridgeport offices. Give Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut a call at 203-359-6940. **Make your dreams a reality.**



It is NICE just to be QUIET!



Please be respectful as well as mindful of your neighbor's right to peaceful enjoyment of his/her home. Your neighbor's right to quiet is just as important as your need for a home.

Your immediate attention to this matter is truly appreciated.

Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it –John Maxwell