



NORWALK HOUSING FOUNDATION AWARDS 32 SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH OVER \$140,000

32 scholarships were awarded to public housing residents at the July 14 Awards Ceremony held in the courtyard of Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Scholarship recipients in the back row from left to right: Michael L. Robinson, NHF Committee Member Christina Clark, Suria Ceja, Jalisa Cuevas, Keyla Figueroa, Brigettie Grant, Jayro Ovalle, Eliza J. Brown, Marie Antoine, Karol Meza, Jessy Cuevas and Pierre Paul. First row front left to right is the Mother of Martine Liberte, Schmidt Demas, Jasmine Prezzie, Sharaya Pinkney, Tammara Clark, and Juanita Davis. Recipients who were unable to attend the awards ceremony were: Jaleesa C. Davis, Vivaldi Demas, Natasha Duran, Sheila Figueroa, Nadege Francois, Maria Gabriel, Stephanie Hernandez, Billy Joseph, Jesute Labaze, Nneka Little, Markus McElveen, James Pierre, Shelot Pierre, Jessica Suarez and Norma Velazquez.

Dr. Susan F. Marks, the new Superintendent of Norwalk Public Schools was the guest speaker. Several recipients also told their stories. Marie Antoine spoke about how she reached beyond what she thought was possible for Sacred Heart University and was accepted with a full tuition scholarship. She urged everyone to reach beyond what they think is possible and not give up. The Rochester Institute of Technology freshman Jayro Ovalle described himself as a kinetic guy whose been taking computers apart since he was 4.

Karol Meza, a single mother who works and goes to school, talked of how she is grateful for a chance to break the cycle of poverty and how you have to take every opportunity you can. 23 recipients are going to 4-year colleges for their Bachelors Degrees. 8 are going to community colleges and one is going for a health industry degree. (Photo by student Mireiya Mayorga)

78% of Students Improve Literacy

Norwalk Housing Authority's After School Learning Center students impresses again! For the 2nd year in a row, NHA students showed a tremendous improvement in their reading scores. Seventy eight percent of students improved in literacy assessments administered from September, 2009 through June, 2010. The students practiced literacy skills on a daily basis at their after school Learning Center, all while having fun. Reading games, fun writing activities, web-based reading programs, and access to books kids love were all ways that the students reviewed their skills. To enroll call Danielle Truini, Learning Center Director at 203-899-1739.



NHA Summer Learning Center Program to Have Free Lunches

The NHA Learning Center summer programs have received a grant for FREE lunches for qualified youth enrolled in the summer program. For enrollment information contact Barry Dancer, Assistant Learning Center Director: 203-852-1144, ext. 123.

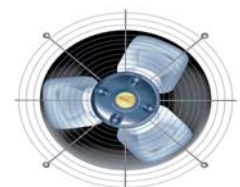


Attention Senior Residents!

When the temperature is racing **HOT** and you need to **COOL** down!. Leroy Downs Community Room and 20 West Ave. Community Center are open!

Tips for Staying Hydrated

- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink; by this time you are already dehydrated.
- Carry a water bottle with you and drink from it regularly.
- Drink at least eight cups of water every day.
- Drink extra in extreme heat to replace the water lost from sweating.
- Do not replace water with alcohol or caffeine drinks.
- Start and end the day with a cup of water.



Colonial Village Parents As Teachers Program

Parents As Teachers (PAT) is a research-based parent support and education program for families with children from pregnancy to Kindergarten entry. PAT families are frequently referred to community resources and programs such as preschool and childcare; food and nutrition; financial and adult literacy; early intervention, medical, mental health and behavioral services. A collaborative partnership between the Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA) and the Fox Run School Family Resource Center will assist CV residents with many of their birth to five needs. Please contact Akisha Cassermere at 203-899-2326.



Wow!!! School Starts Next Month!!!!

Register your child for NHA's After-School Program! It's FREE for NHA Residents! Kids get the following:

- Homework Help
- Computer Access
- Enrichment Programs
- Literacy Support
- Tutoring

Call today for more information:

- Colonial Village- 203-831-8508
- Meadow Gardens-203-899-0729
- Washington Village-203-838-8471x162
- Roodner Court-203-838-9164

New "Future Zone" for High School Students

- Find out which career interests you
- Choose a college, trade school, or alternate path after graduation
- SAT Prep classes
- Interview training, resume help, self assessments
- Teen Job Placement Opportunities.
- Regular assistance from our Student Advisors.
- Scholarship Opportunities

**20 West (for middle and high school students)
203-852-1144.**

Norwalk's Night Out Against Crime!

Presented by Norwalk Community Policing Unit on August 3, 2010 from 4:30pm until 7:30pm at Ryan Park (Raymond & Day St.). Free hot dogs, drinks, snacks, cookies, bounce house and more. Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.



Born Learning

Everyday life is a learning experience for young children. Born Learning is a public campaign that helps parents, grandparents and caregivers explore ways to turn everyday moments into fun learning opportunities. Go to www.bornlearning.org for exciting details.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE & CONFIDENTIAL
Court and Legal Advocacy, Counseling, Children's Services, Emergency Shelter Medical Advocacy, Housing Advocacy, Multilingual Services
Trainings and Educational Services, PeaceWorks: Prevention Education Programs
24-HOUR HOTLINE (1-888-774-2900)

YOU CAN HELP STOP CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Anonymously Report Crime Tips! Go on line at www.norwalkpd.com or text your tip to C-R-I-M-E-S (274637) Keyword NPD. All information will remain anonymous.

Chapel St: SAVE THE DATE!

On September 4, 2010, Chapel St. will be having a Family Day Cookout! More details to come!



Family Economic Security Program



The Family Economic Security Program (FESP) at NCC invites you to an information session to help working student parents complete their college education. If eligible and selected, you'd be one

of 20 students, who would receive monthly individualized coaching from an Achievement Coach and Financial Coach and you'd be expected to attend related educational programs. You would also be eligible to receive financial support while attending NCC. If accepted you must be prepared to enroll/reenroll in NCC for the Fall 2010 semester.

If you are interested please come to an information session Thursday July 29th at 6pm or 7pm at Leroy Downs. If you have any questions please call Kristina Testa-Buzzee, Director, at 203 857-7220 or go to www.ncc.comnet.edu/fesp to fill out the "Coaching and Scholarship Application" located on the right hand side of the webpage.

Customer Service Center

Are you a Section 8 or Public Housing resident and have questions on rent calculations?

or
Do you need help finding Public Housing?



- Local Agency Contact Information
- PIH Guidebooks and Notices
- Public Housing, Section 8, Homeownership fact sheets
- Applicable References to Regulations (CFR)
- HUD Webcast

**Call us now at
1-800-955-2232**
or e-mail pihirc@firstpic.org
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm EST
fax 443-302-2084

These are just some of the customer services that the PIH Information Resource Center provides to the General Public, Public Housing/Section 8 Residents, and Housing Agency Staff.