

## Building 12 Contest Winners



## Roodner Court's Holiday Decorating Contest

Roodner Court's first annual Holiday Decorating Contest was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. In total, families from four buildings participated: 12, 17, 22 and 23. Deidra Davis, Tenant Association President, arranged to have judges from throughout the community the two winning buildings were 12 and 22. The event fostered a sense of community and team building, allowing residents to get to know their neighbors. All participants received free turkeys, and in addition, the winning participants received \$25 gift cards to Stew Leonard's. Thanks to all of our participants, and we hope even more buildings will participate next year!

## Building 22 Contest Winners



## December Art Contest Winner!



The December "Copy Cat" Art Contest winner is 4<sup>th</sup> grader Angeline Moresca from the Roodner Court complex. She won a \$25.00 gift card to ToysRUs.

## Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanksgiving Day dinner was served to senior residents at the Irving Freese complex on Thanksgiving Day and the meal was donated by members of the NHA Staff and members of the Community Baptist Church in New Canaan, CT. Tim Thompson from Irving Freese enjoyed his meal so much he said that, "The dinner was SUPER WONDERFUL! "

## Need A FREE Ride To Your Child's Conference?



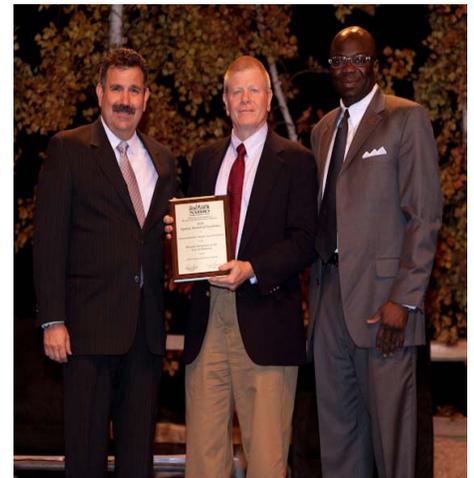
Norwalk Housing Authority knows that your child's education is very important to you. So Norwalk Housing Authority is offering free van rides to your schools Parent/Teacher Conferences in March. We understand that getting to these conferences can be difficult. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get more involved in your child's education! Call Barry Dancer to schedule van transportation to and from the conferences at 203-852-1144 ext. 124.



## NHA Art Show

NHA hosted its first of two annual Art Shows on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. NHA students artwork is on display at Ludlow Village Community Center until Jan.9<sup>th</sup>. Student participants include Leslie Romano, Sarah Boyd, Justin Folston, Jeffrey Sompter, Yvette Rios, Katayvia Torres, Jaki Elliot, Louis Carmelite, Penda M'Bengue, Z'Ondre Davis, Dominique Flores, Chevaughn White, Lunise Constant, and lasiah Lopez. Please feel free to stop by and support our students!

## NHA Receives Literacy Excellence Award!



NHA Reading Coach Thomas Keenan accepts the NAHRO Award for Literacy Excellence at the NAHRO awards ceremony in Reno, NV.

***"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." -Edith***



### FREE Exciting and Educational Preschool Programs!

- Elephant Steps: Pre-school Fun Enriching Developmental Fitness Program, 205 Main St, Norwalk, Ct, (Monday's),

Time & Date To Be Determined (Based on 10 families committed participation)

- Stepping Stones: Movers and Shakers 6 Week Class on Thursday's from 11:00am-12:15pm, Dates: Jan 20th, 27th, Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th. Contact: Manirah (203) 899-0606 x284
- Fun Literature Library Time: Topic Mother Goose on Tuesdays from 11:00am - 12:00pm at SoNo Library
- Pre-school Fun Drama & Art Classes with Ms. Jenny, Ms. Shabby & Ms. Rachel on Wednesday's from 11:00am- 12:00pm. Location: To Be Announced

Call E. Ann Prince, Early Childhood Coordinator at (203) 803-6437 for details and registration information.

### Immunizations Are Not Just for Kids!

Children are not the only people who need immunizations; young adults to senior citizens can benefit from immunizations, too. Many adults become ill, disabled or die each year from diseases that could easily have been prevented by being immunized. Immunizations also benefit people in the community where immunized persons live or work, putting fewer numbers of people at risk by preventing the spread of diseases. How do immunizations work? They prevent disease in the people who receive them. A weakened form of disease is injected into the body. The body makes antibodies to fight the invader. If the actual disease ever attacks the body in the future, the antibodies will still be there to destroy it.

**Call your health care provider for more details on immunizations.**

### Attention High School Juniors and Seniors!

Are you committed to making a positive difference in your community? Take it to the next level by becoming a Student Leader through Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative. Open to high school juniors and seniors, this program is an opportunity to develop the leadership skills you need to help make a difference. You'll learn how non-profits, government and business can work together to create positive change and connect with other community-minded students by participating in:

\*An 8-week paid summer internship at a local non-profit

\*A Student Leadership Summit in Washington D.C.

Apply by January 12, 2011 at [www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders](http://www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders) If help is needed with applications, please call the King Kennedy Literacy Center at 203-899-1739.



### Harvard University Free Tuition

Harvard University announced that undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition." To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

### College Tip: Need Based Tuition Free Colleges for Low Income Students

Many colleges and universities offer free tuition for students they accept who are from low income and minority backgrounds. Here is a partial list included here for high school students to check out: In-state: Scared Heart and Yale. Out of State: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Michigan State University, Miami University in Ohio, University of Pennsylvania, Rice University, Cooper Union, Princeton, and Stanford. Also, some of the schools under the Catholic umbrella offer free tuition. To search for other schools, go to [google.com](http://google.com) and type in, "need based free tuition colleges and universities. Also be sure to apply for NHFScholarship.



### Senior Holiday Breakfast!

Residents from Irving Freese and John Shostak are all a chatter and smiles at the Senior Breakfast that was held on December 15, 2010 at five senior developments. Donations were received from NHA staff, NAEIR, Bull-Head Market, Home Depot, Crystal Rock Water, and Costco.

