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Back 2 School Rally

Cleveland organizations partner to give back to the community

CLEVELAND, OH (August 17, 2011) – On Friday, August 19, 2011, a back to school rally will be held for neighborhood students living in Central and/or attending the Central Promise Neighborhood Schools. The inaugural Back to School rally brings together parents, students, teachers, and community members to promote education and ensure students in the Central neighborhood are ready for school, prepared to access resources in their schools, and persist academically.

The rally will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at East Technical High School gym and parking lot at 2439 E. 55th Street in Cleveland. There will be food, dancing, haircuts and braiding, school supplies including uniform vouchers, music, information booths, and more to get kids ready for school and off to a good start. Students attending George Washington Carver, Stokes Central Academy and Marion Sterling are encouraged to attend, as well as high school students who live in the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood that runs from Euclid to Woodland avenues and E. 22 to E. 55 streets.

“We are so happy to help support this back to school rally and to be working with the families and children in Central,” said Susanna H. Krey, president of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland.

The foundation, along with partners and collaborators including the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, are applying for a federal “Promise” grant from the Department of Education, that will, as President Obama said, “support a number of different services and educational reforms to help improve the lives of our young people from birth through childhood, from college through a career.”

A partnership between Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood (CCPN), Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, Lighthouse and Cleveland Z107.9 radio station has made this event possible. Also at the event, families will be sent with tips, tools and resources for school readiness, success, and persistence.

“This is a wonderful partnership that will have a deep impact on the community and the residents’ families,” said Jeffery K. Patterson, CMHA Acting CEO. “CMHA is proud to be a sponsor and part of such an important and uplifting effort.”

CMHA will be holding additional upcoming events for back to school at Carver Park, Cedar, King Kennedy, and Outhwaite Estates, where they will feature school uniform give-aways and provide school supplies. Silverman’s will be providing the uniforms that are being donated.

About Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood

“Promise Neighborhoods” are vibrant, thriving neighborhoods where children are ready for school, go to good schools and have strong systems of family and community support that will prepare them to attain an excellent education, graduate from high school, college and on to a career. The U.S. Department of Education,

About Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

The Foundation’s mission is to address the root causes of poverty in health, education and housing and works to improve the lives of those most in need with special attention to families, women and children living in poverty. Supported by our sponsors, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the Foundation also supports ministries of women religious. The Foundation, established in 1996 through hospital funds, is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System.

About CMHA

Founded in 1933, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority is the oldest public housing authority in the country. It is an independent political subdivision of the State of Ohio, created under sections 3735.27 and 3735.50 of the Ohio Revised Code. It serves Cuyahoga County excluding Chagrin Falls Township, through two federally assisted housing programs: Low-Income Public Housing, which serves 16,000 residents, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which provides rental assistance to 14,000 households.



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