

LEGACY PARK AT OUTHWAITE HOMES GRAND OPENING

CMHA held a grand opening for Legacy Park Apartments at Outhwaite Homes. The historic Outhwaite Homes is one of the oldest properties in CMHA's housing stock. Built in the 1930s, Outhwaite was one of the Authority's first three projects for Public Works Administration in Cleveland. Outhwaite was home to many influential figures in Cleveland's development, such as, Congressman Louis Stokes, and his brother Carl Stokes, who was the first African-American mayor of a major U.S. city, as well as, The Honorable Judge Sara J. Harper, the first African-American female to graduate from Case Western Reserve University.

"I love it here. It's quiet, clean, and I really enjoy the location," said Anthony Wright, Legacy Park resident. "And most importantly I feel safe and happy in my new home."

Currently, Outhwaite Homes has over 688 units of housing and is proud to be the home of the Stokes Museum, the Sara J. Harper Library, the Lonnie Burton Learning Garden and Community Center, the Outhwaite Head Start day care, and finally the Outhwaite Homes Community Center and Splash Park.

CMHA appreciates and recognizes the legacy of those who have worked so hard to give back to the community. In doing so, the Authority has decided to name this new facility: The Legacy Park Apartments at Outhwaite Homes. The new Legacy Park Apartments at Outhwaite Homes is a three story, energy-efficient, mid-rise apartment building that features 36 one and two-bedroom units. The apartments were constructed using American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funding. The building will also house the Outhwaite management office, and feature a community room, available to all residents. This new building will add additional housing to one of CMHA's oldest and largest family properties. Legacy Park replaces the old Outhwaite Building #3, which had fallen into disrepair since its construction over seven decades ago.

"CMHA hopes this new building will brighten the existing community, and serve as a reminder that affordable housing can be creative, inspiring, and contribute to current revitalization trends occurring throughout the Greater Cleveland area," said Jeffery K. Patterson, Acting CEO for CMHA.