

## **BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY**

*CMHA holds special events for students*

The week of August 16, 2010, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) hosted a series of back to school giveaway events to distribute school uniforms to students at 11 different CMHA properties. Nearly \$35,000 was donated from CMHA Charities Fund to purchase shirts, pants and socks for the 2010 school year. These events were part of CMHA's ongoing effort to better prepare students, and provide them with both the support and supplies important to starting on the right foot this year.

The sites together donated 1,435 uniforms to students ages 8-11. This included Lakeview, Carver Park, Riverside Park, Riverview, Woodhill, Outhwaite, King Kennedy, Hough, Cedar, Scattered Sites and Section 8 New Construction. Uniforms were purchased from Kmart and distributed to students and their families.

The Asset Management Properties collaborated with PAC President Lillian Davis and the Resident Services staff to produce several great events for residents. One highlight of this initiative was the event that took place at Carver Park. The Carver Park and Friendly Inn Settlement staff worked together to plan the back to school rally. As part of this event, parents were asked to sign a pledge card developed by Friendly Inn asking them to commit to walking their children to school, spending more time in their children's schools and reviewing their homework. The pledge card was designed by Gerri Burn, Friendly Inn Executive Director and her staff as a way to enhance parental involvement.

"It is great to see everyone come together to provide our young people with essential items they need to be successful," said George Phillips-Olivier. "We are committed to supporting our students' education and bettering the workforce of tomorrow."