

CMHA CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNUAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS EVENT

Youth Residents Participate in the Junior Olympics at Riverside

On Friday, July 27, 2012, CMHA hosted more than 550 people at Riverside Park Community Center for the 1st Annual Junior Olympics competition. This outdoor event is comprised of various physical challenges that promote safe, constructive, and entertaining competitive challenges. Residents, friends, and family cheered on the youth participants as they battled their way through each contest.

The event consisted of a welcome from Harold Peguero, Far West Asset Management Property Leader and encouraging remarks from Michael Simmons, Chief Financial Officer. After opening remarks, youth residents from each team participated in an exciting parade full of fun, dancing, and music. The parade was lead by CMHA's own Police Department. During the parade, the teams displayed their creative community center banners. Each team wore color specific t-shirts, which represented their team.

The teams also participated in a Jeopardy challenge. Two members from each team competed in several rounds of Jeopardy, where questions were chosen from a pool of current and historical information about CMHA, Cuyahoga County, and Cleveland, Ohio. The Junior Olympics was full of games and prizes, such as a hula hoop contests and prize bags with essential school supplies and gift cards. After tallying all the scores from the challenges, Outhwaite came in 1st place, Lakeview in 2nd place, and Riverside Park in 3rd place. All place winners received a memorable award to display in their community centers.

“The Junior Olympics was an amazing event!” said Marquita Thompson, resident of Riverside Park. “Despite the hot weather, the children preformed remarkably. I really enjoyed myself and I had a great time watching the youth compete in active and fun games. I will be front and center at next year's Junior Olympics.”