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Summer Fun for Everyone



From Splashpark openings to Father's Day Celebrations, this summer was filled with wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Check out more photos from the summer on the back of this newsletter.

Happy 100th Birthday, Inez!



Carolyn Gaiter, Asset Management Director, Inez Render, and Jeffery K. Patterson, Acting CEO.

Long-time CMHA resident Inez Render recently celebrated her 100th birthday! The Wade Park Local Advisory Council threw a party for Ms. Render that was themed around 1911, her year of birth. The LAC created decorations that showed historical events from 1911 to commemorate Ms. Render's one hundred years.

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Message from the Acting CEO

Jeffery K. Patterson

Welcome to the first issue of the monthly Resident Newsletter. We would like to share the good things that are going on at CMHA as well as important tips. Enjoy!



GS:TAG GIVES BACK

CMHA recently held a GS:TAG Youth Leadership Academy event at the Cleveland Foodbank. The event was an alumni initiative, in which students helped unload 3,100 pounds of food that had been collected by the RTA. "I feel great because I'd never really helped anyone like that," said GS:TAG participant Terell Simon. "Overall, I think it was a successful and positive community project. We had a great impact."

Calling All Senior Volunteers!

The Griot! program is seeking CMHA senior residents to teach life lessons through the ancient African tradition of storytelling and dance to youngsters. This program allows seniors to interact with children and share their life experiences in a creative way, passing on culture and wisdom to the next generation. For more information about volunteering, contact Jacci Griffin at (216) 271-3260 or griffinj@cmha.net.





Helpful Resources

Seeking assistance with your rent? These organizations can potentially provide help:

Cleveland Mediation Center

(216) 621-1919

www.clevelandmediation.org

Catholic Charities

Emergency Assistive Services

(216) 781-8262

www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland (C.E.O.G.C.)

(216) 518-4013

www.ceogc.org

CMHA children were recently asked to depict their own meaning of

HOME:

"What HOME means to me: safety, love, happiness, healthy, fun, UNITY, MY FAMILY."

"It's a very lovely place where you can laugh and play filled with loving people who make a way for you to be successful and smart that never leave you in the dark or never leave you alone and always protect you."

"Home is a place where there's family. Ones that love you, take care and protect you. In my home we laugh, sing, play and pray together. This is what keeps a smile on my face. Home is sharing and caring and full of love."

Senior Jamboree a *Thriller* of a Party

Over 500 CMHA senior residents boogied up a storm at the 20th Annual Senior Jamboree, held earlier this month at Brookside Reservation. The event featured lots of delicious food, dancing and singing competitions, and a surprise appearance by Michael Jackson and a CMHA flash mob. "I think this was one of our best, if not the best Senior Jamboree we've ever had," said Commissioner Doris V. Jones. "It was enjoyed by everyone!"



Got feedback? Have a story? Want to write a section for *The Resident Life Insider*? Contact Cortney Kilbury at (216) 271-2065 or kilburyc@cmha.net.



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Summer Fun & Memories at CMHA!

