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SPREADING THE WARMTH

Annual Coat Drive Serves 300 in Community

Highlands Residential Services' annual "Quawana's Coats" Make a Difference Day coat giveaway held on Saturday, Oct. 26 was a huge success.

An estimated 300 people came out on that clear, cool morning to get a coat or two. Everyone was treated to chili dogs, beef soup, chips, salsa and soda. It was great fun to visit with neighbors.

Make a Difference Day is a national event that was founded more than 20 years ago. Sponsors include Points of Light, USA Weekend and Gannett. In 2012, Shaquawana Wester, HRS youth programs coordinator, began the coat

drive as a part of this national day of community service.

Wester was inspired after seeing a homeless man with no coat in a local park on a cold day.

"Cookeville is a warm, caring community," Wester said. "I want to symbolize that by spreading warmth, not only spiritually, but physically, as well." **(PHOTO: Right, Thumbs up for "Quawana's Coats.")**

Thanks to everyone involved for "Making a Difference," including our sponsors, donors, collection sites and volunteers.





Melinda's MEMOS



If you live in HRS Baxter or Celina residences and you missed

your annual recertification appointment, please contact me to reschedule as soon as possible. You can call me at 931.526.9793 ext. 220.

Becky's BLOCK



Although several developments have received

central heat/air systems, some homes will not. If anyone has window air conditioners to donate, please call me at 931.526.9793 ext. 213.

Kathy's CORNER



HRS won first place in the TAHRA statewide housing

authority newsletter contest for this year! And remember to "like" our Highlands Residential Services and Teens Need Training Facebook pages.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resident Council.

Your resident council invites you to attend its Christmas social on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a day of fun and games, prizes and lunch. Everyone is welcome. Attendance counts as four hours of community service.

Run, Santa, Run!

Don't forget Santa's Rotary Run on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This fund-raiser benefits Teens Need Training and Parkview Elementary, and runners are needed. Even if you are unable to join in the fun, please encourage everyone to participate. Go to cookevillerotary.org for more information or to register. Or call Kathy in HRS Resident Services at 931.526.9793 ext. 212.

Santa's Sleigh Needs

Unloading! Toy pick-up for those who pre-registered for Toys for Tots will be on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 25 N. Washington Ave.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Stay Smoke Free!

The Smoke-Free Home Pledge Program is still open for enrollment until the end of January. Power of Putnam and HRS hope for a safe and drug-free community in 2014!



DIRECTIONS: This simple program is designed to encourage parents and individuals to keep tobacco smoke out of their homes and away from children. To register, go to powerofputnam.org/smokefree or fill out the pledge card below.

Once you complete the pledge card and **A)** mail it to Power of Putnam, P.O. Box 49371, Cookeville, TN 38506, or **B)** drop it off at the HRS main office with the Resident Services department, you will receive a packet in the mail with information to help make or maintain your home as a smoke-free environment!

ALREADY A SMOKE-FREE HOME? You can participate, too! Signing up for this program is easy and open to ALL households. It only requires registration (see "Directions" above) and three simple responses throughout the year. Sign up before January 31, 2014 to enter a drawing for a flat screen HDTV!



SMOKE-FREE HOME Pledge Program

Name of Household Contact Person

Address of Household

Contact Phone Number

Number of Individuals Living in Household

Number of Minors Living in Household



Mail this registration slip to Power of Putnam, P.O. Box 49371, Cookeville, TN 38506, **OR** drop it off at the HRS main office with the Resident Services department.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

TNT Christmas and a Tasty Treat

TNT DECEMBER DEEDS

Teens Need Training will be busy this December. In addition to its after-school program, TNT has plans for two community volunteer projects – 1) helping to sort toys for tots and 2) singing at a local nursing home.

TNT participants will also be treated to their own Christmas party and shopping

for clothes. And the fun continues after Christmas with a day at Jumpville.

NO "BAD APPLES" HERE

Ever have trouble getting that "one apple a day" in? We tried this recipe for Fall FunDay, and it was a hit with adults and kids alike. Plus, it's really quick and easy to make with your children during the long Christmas break.

QUICK APPLE PIE CAKE

- 5 to 7 apples (i.e. Granny Smith), *peeled, cored and thinly sliced*
- 1 (9 oz.) package of yellow cake mix (i.e. Jiffy size)
- 2 tbsp. of sugar
- 1 tbsp. of cinnamon
- 1 stick butter, *melted*



Preheat the oven to 350°F. Place apples in a cake pan. Sprinkle on dry cake mix. Combine the sugar and cinnamon, then sprinkle it over the cake mix. Drizzle melted butter over it all. Bake for 30 minutes or until the topping is golden brown.

RESOURCE CENTER:

How to Dispose of Large Items

✂ **CLIP IT OUT!**
Save this *Resource Center* for easy future reference!

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY LARGE

ITEM? First of all, do not sit large items (any items that don't fit in your regular trash) on the curb until the day of garbage pickup. Instead, call your local city for your large item pickup.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Algood: The City of Algood requests that you call city hall in advance (537-9545) and make a work order for large items to be picked up.

Baxter and Monterey: The cities of Baxter and Monterey request that you put large items for pickup out with your regular garbage.

Celina: The City of Celina asks that you call city hall in advance at 243-2115 to see if they can pick up your large item.

Cookeville: The City of Cookeville picks up large items on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Call 520-5201 in advance to schedule a pickup.

WHAT IF THE CITY CAN'T PICK IT UP? If your city cannot pick up your large item, call HRS at 931.526.9793 to schedule pickups on assigned days.

Algood, Baxter, Cookeville and Monterey: Second Tuesday of each month.

Celina and Gainesboro: Second Wednesday of each month.



DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR RENT

WALNUT VILLAGE

Dec. 4: 10 AM – 12 PM

WILLOW HEIGHTS

Dec. 9: 10 AM – 11 AM

It is the policy of HRS to ensure that no citizen shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.



DECEMBER 2013

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1 RENT DUE!	2 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program. Cookeville CHRISTMAS PARADE • 7 p.m.	3 Baxter CHRISTMAS PARADE • 6:30 p.m.	4 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent collection. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	5 Algood CHRISTMAS PARADE • 6 p.m.	6	7 <i>TNT:</i> Community Volunteer Project Gainesboro CHRISTMAS PARADE • 5 p.m. Monterey CHRISTMAS PARADE • 6:30 p.m.
8	9 WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent collection. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	10 LATE FEES ADDED! COMMUNITY SERVICE: Due Date. <i>RESIDENT COUNCIL:</i> 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	11  <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	12	13	14 Santa's Rotary Run Fund-Raiser for TNT Toys for Tots Pickup Day Celina CHRISTMAS PARADE • 2 p.m.
15	16  <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	17 WALNUT VILLAGE: Christmas Party! 2 to 4 p.m.	18  <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	19 <i>BOARD MEETING</i> <i>"BOUNTIFUL BREAD" for Hargis/Polly</i>	20 <i>TNT:</i> Nursing Home Singing and Christmas Party	21
22	23	24	25  CHRISTMAS DAY! Office Closed.	26	27	28
29	30  <i>TNT:</i> Christmas Break Day of Fun	31				

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»» The office is closed for lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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Please remember the HRS fireworks policy: "Not to use fireworks in any manner on HRS property and/or premises." This is any type of fireworks and includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparklers, poppers, etc.

NO FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME ON ANY HRS PROPERTY BY ANYONE.