



COMMUNITY LODGINGS
Opening Doors to Independence

Community Connections

Your monthly update on what we do and how you can help

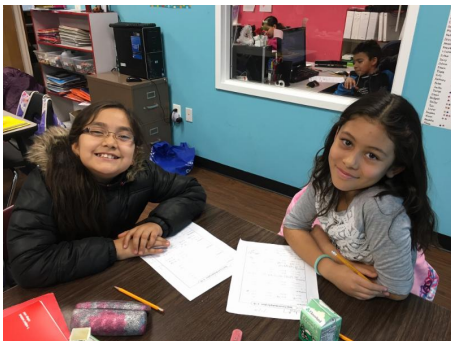
Youth Education Update

How did summer go by so fast? Our summer program was a time for our kids to learn, grow, and have fun as they created memorable and engaging activities. They learned about math through baseball statistics, absorbed physics through creating airplanes, found out about bacteria growth through swabbing people and items, and investigated chemical reactions through homemade volcanoes. These activities, along with computer time, reading, journaling and weekly yoga (thank you Mind the Mat!) made a well-rounded summer of learning for students.



Education continued outside as the kids learned about the environment at Potomac Overlook Park), built team camaraderie through Field day and Camp Hemlock) bowled and visited the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space museum.

More Youth Education Update



And...it's time to think about school registration! School starts on September 6, our after school program starts on September 12 and our after school registration program takes place on **August 15-19 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at our **Fifer Learning Center**. We can take 30-40 kids per session (elementary school and middle/high school). Watch our Facebook page for updates.

The New School Year = Volunteers!

We can't talk about school without asking you to consider **volunteering** as an after school tutor for

this school year. We're thrilled that most of our volunteers are returning, and we still need **ten** volunteers for the elementary program (Monday-Friday 2:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.), **ten** for the middle/high schoolers (Monday-Thursday 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) at our Arlandria sites and **four** for our mentor program beginning September 12 (two men, two women). **[Click here to apply!](#)**



Development Update

We're up to over \$800 in donations thanks to the \$3 that our donors give us for every home run batted in by the Washington Nationals and Boston Red Sox!



The fall event everyone is talking about - our **hot, free** second annual **Open Doors to Independence breakfast** on **Thursday, October 9**, from **8:00 - 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn and Suites (625 First Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314)**. We are thrilled to have 9 table captains committed to each hosting a table of 9 of their friends, and would love 11 more table

captains. [Click here](#) to attend, volunteer as a table captain and get more information (if you know a table captain, register under that name. Otherwise register as an individual).

Meet our Staff - Jakeeya Veney

Jakeeya not only knows about Community Lodgings, she has lived it! Our AmeriCorps member extraordinaire joined us two years ago and is leaving us before the end of the month. [You need to read her "Ten Questions"](#) to find out what she's doing next, but here's a hint...she and Yo-Yo Ma have something in common!



Housing Update



Our affordable housing renovation is coming along on schedule. Eric Lopez and Nelson Vasquez are hard at work upgrading 6 kitchens and 28 bathrooms at our Elbert properties. As we go to press (or hit "send") they have completed 2 kitchens and 10 bathrooms, and hope to finish in early 2017.

And big congratulations to our housing client Maria Echeverria for winning a \$50 gift card for completing our housing client survey. We asked

our 44 affordable and transitional housing clients what they thought of our service and what else we could do for them. What did we learn? Results coming soon!



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