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NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



ANOTHER YEAR OF GARFIELD AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are thrilled to announce the start of the Garfield After-School Program, which began on August 12th! This year holds particular significance as it marks our return to in-person activities after the pandemic. Led by our dedicated program instructor, Flor, our After-School Program is committed to providing academic support to students in grades K-5 to provide homework assistance and build a lifetime love of learning. We are looking forward to a productive semester and year ahead. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Macy's for their generous donation, which is funding the fall semester of the After-School Program! This is our third year as a recipient of Macy's "Mission Every One" community grant, and we are so grateful for their ongoing trust and contribution, which enables us to help the students towards a strong educational outcome!

A PATH TO HOMEOWNERSHIP 101 WORKSHOP

Get ready! We are offering another FREE workshop on November 4th from 10AM-1PM! In collaboration with Kaimore, this workshop will be geared especially to parents and adults, and aims to enhance financial literacy and introduce steps towards homeownership for those moving into permanent housing. Led by professionals in financial education and economic achievement, the workshop will cover the following topics: Introduction to homeownership, financial requirements for homeownership, options for low-income communities, first-time homebuyer programs, and how to start preparing for homeownership today. This workshop will be led by Wendy Hui from Man Realty and held at Garfield Agape Court. Space is limited so sign up now and help us spread the word!

More information and registration:

<https://beaconhousing.org/path-to-homeownership-101/>



HOLIDAY ANGELS CALL!

As the holidays approach, we are excited to bring back our Holiday Angels program! This Christmas, we will be gifting each family member at Casa de Alegria with a \$50 gift card to their store of choice. Each child of the Garfield Homework Club will also receive a gift card. Here are some ways you can be a Holiday Angel:

- Donate
- Organize a collection at your school or church
- Spread the word!

Donate here by 12/12/23:

<https://tinyurl.com/2023holidayangels>

Ways You Can Help



Donate money or in-kind goods



Spread the word to your networks



Volunteer your skills & time with us

COME JOIN OUR FIRST-EVER FUNDRAISING ADVISORY COUNCIL!

Interested in making affordable housing a reality for those in need? Join our first Fundraising Advisory Council! This group of volunteer experts will help drive our upcoming fundraising efforts in 2024, thereby enhancing our organization's ability to serve the community by offering valuable insights, advice and time, while also allowing us to connect with our community in a more meaningful and effective way. We are looking for 5 members for the Advisory Council who has an interest in affordable housing and a heart for creating positive change - previous fundraising experience not necessary! Joining the council would mean dedicating at least 10 hours a month with meetings at the end of each quarter and more frequent meetings during event planning. If you are interested in joining the council or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Sarah Brown at sarahb@beaconhousing.org for more information!

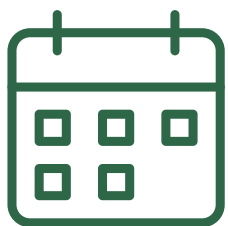
NEW FREE ONLINE COURSES ON HOUSING READINESS AVAILABLE

We are proud and excited to announce that we have launched free online courses on housing readiness, which are now available on our website! The two courses, designed by curriculum developer and volunteer Cheri Brown, are part of our overall expanded effort at providing necessary skills towards improving housing sustainability. They cover issues such as "Application Readiness" and "Keeping a Healthy Home" to offer on-demand resources for those in need. These online courses grew out of community feedback from those who were not able to attend our in-person workshops. Please share these with those who might be interested, and let us know of any other courses you would like to see added to the site!

Find the courses here: <https://beaconhousing.org/online-courses/>

"WELCOME HOME" FUNDRAISING AND LOWE HOUSE UNIT CONCLUSION

Beacon Housing extends a huge thank you to all those who generously contributed to our "Welcome Home" Fundraising Campaign! Your support allowed us to successfully complete the necessary renovation work to bring this unit at Lowe House up to code and available for occupancy. And now we have officially welcomed the tenants into their freshly remodeled home. The unit now has brand-new floors, paint and windows, as well as updated furniture, cabinets and appliance! Witnessing the culmination of this project and the positive impact it has on the family it is housing has been incredibly fulfilling. We are immensely grateful to everyone who made this achievement possible.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

October 7: Volunteer Clean-up day

November 4: Securing Your Future Workshop

OPEN CALL: We are recruiting individuals for our Fundraising Advisory Council