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A Look Back Over a Year of Community Engagement, Improvement and Fellowship

Community Outreach

Community Clean Up

Community Appreciation

Community Resource Fairs

Community Conferences

As this year comes to close and we assess our work, we have had much success. Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) has further our mission of improving the community and becoming a reliable resource for programs and services. Using our resident-identified priorities as our guide, we have created internal programs and formed external partnerships to bring programs, services and resources to the community. Through them, we have achieved the following ***key 2008 accomplishments***:

- Provided 113 low to moderate income adults with financial literacy education and counseling
- Provided 689 low to moderate income youth with financial literacy education
- Hosted 10 meetings of the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Alliance Steering Committee
- Hosted 6 community clean ups through "Keep Our Vacant Lots Clean" Project
- Paired 16 responsible, trained adults with 16 children living in the 21216 zip code area through our newly established Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program
- Engaged 10 young ladies and their parents/guardians in our newly established Girl Scouts Troop
- Initiated the development of 3 homes for first time, low income buyers on West North Avenue (the front porch to our community) and a façade improvement grant program for 14 homeowners living on the same block
- Provided 1200 residents with lead poisoning prevention outreach and education through door-to-door canvassing (in partnership with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning and Coppin State University)
- Provided 87 low to moderate income residents with housing counseling, including rental, purchase and foreclosure prevention.

This is just the beginning! We anticipate even greater accomplishments in 2009! We look forward to your continued partnership and support.

Michelle Nusum McEachern
Executive Director

FREE Healthy Home Intervention Services for Baltimore City Families Affected by Asthma

Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation has partnered with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning to assist Baltimore City families living in homes occupied by a child with asthma (2-14 years old). These **FREE** services are available to help with indoor allergens, lead paint, and to prevent childhood injuries in the home. There are **NO** income or zip code restrictions; however, resources are limited. Families will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis and based on the urgency of need for services.

For immediate assistance, please respond to this email with the following information: Contact's Name, Property Address, Phone Number/Best Time To Call, Zip Code, Name/Age/Birth Date for asthmatic children 2-14 years old living in the home.

Questions and requests for additional information about the program should be directed to Jay Johnson at the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, 410-534-6447

Healthy Neighborhoods

MONTHLY BLOCK MEETINGS - 6PM

3rd Wednesday
1500 – 1800 Blocks of Moreland Avenue
1600 – 1800 Blocks of Ruxton Avenue

3rd Thursday
900 – 1800 Blocks of North Bentalou Street

Meeting Location: Easterwood Park Recreation Center, 1530 N. Bentalou Street

MEETINGS WILL ONLY BE HELD IF RESIDENTS RSVP TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.

443-984-3766 or 410-951-3622

HOLIDAY DECORATION BLOCK CONTEST

The Christmas Holiday is quickly approaching! We would like to show our holiday spirit through lights, garland, ribbons, wreaths and more! But unlike our last contest, we are not limiting this activity to individual residents. We want to show both our holiday and community spirit! So, we are asking that you work with your neighbors to decorate your block.

You can decorate individual homes and/or community spaces (i.e., trees, light posts). The winning block will receive a holiday party, and a special gift to help beautify your block!

You must register your block for this special activity. Registrations will be taken through noon on Friday, December 19, 2008. Start thinking now about how you would like to decorate your block. There are limited funds available to help cover the cost, so register early!

For more info and to register, call 410-951-3622

Girl Scouts. Where Girls Grow Strong

COPPIN HEIGHTS GIRL SCOUTS TROOP

Serving girls in West Baltimore

On Tuesday, November 11, in preparation for the holidays, our Girl Scouts participated in a hands-on "cooking demonstration" led by Junior Leader, Megan Bowles, a National Academy Foundation High School student in the Hospitality and Tourism Academy.

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
SAFE at HOME

Participants NEEDED for Focus Group
Topic: "What is a Healthy Home?"

Participants receive a total of $120 for time spent.

The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning (CECLP) received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement the Safe at Home project. Safe at Home provides services, education and referrals to qualifying families with children with asthma to eliminate health hazards in their homes. The project works to help create healthy homes that can be maintained for hundreds of low-income families in East and West Baltimore.

CECLP is seeking 10 residents to participate in the focus group to help guide them in developing the necessary tools to reduce home-based health hazards.

About the Focus Group:

- Each focus group session will take in the evening (2 to 2 ½ hours).
- There will be three sessions between December 2008 and April 2009
- Participants must be 19 and older.
- Participants will receive dinner and $40 at the end of each session.

Participants must commit to attend all three sessions. To be considered for participation in the Focus group or for more information, call 410-502-5651 or 410-534-6447

Coppin State University Community Dance Program

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Bring a Friend To Dance!
December 5, 2008 (6:15- 9:30 pm) & December 6, 2008 (10:30 am– 4:30 pm)
Invite a friend to come and take a free dance class with you!

A Holiday Dance Open House!
December 12, 2008 (6:15– 9:30 pm) & December 13, 2008 (10:30 am– 4:30 pm)
Invite guests to see you dance during your regular class time.

YOUTH DANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS
Coming Soon in January 2009!
Ages 9-14
Youth Ballet Dance Company
Youth Modern Dance Company
Director: Jessica Walker
Look for more information in the December newsletter

For more info, contact Vanessa Jackson at 410-951-3355 or VJackson@coppin.edu
www.coppin.edu/dance/youth dance.asp

Community Computer Sale! ONE NIGHT ONLY!!!

5 Year Partnership Sale

Friday, Dec 5, 2008 • 6:30-8:30pm

Enoch Pratt Library- Orleans Branch
1303 Orleans Street (across from Dunbar HS & Sojourner Douglass College)

P4 Laptops - $340 (wireless $365) - Wow! P4 Desktops - $275 - Unbelievable!
Printers, flashdrives, too! - while supplies last! Special Buy **"5"** Discounts - great for day cares & schools!)
Surprise giveaways!!!!

Reserve a computer w/ debit/credit card by calling 1-800-877-4068 ask for Vanessa
Walk-ins welcomed - "Sponsor a student, family, senior or adopt a school" Proof of income not required
Cash, debit/credit cards, money order, company checks - no personal checks

*This event is sponsored by **Per Scholas** & **Baltimore City Head Start Fatherhood Initiative**. December 2008 marks our five-year partnership in placing nearly 1,000 computers in Baltimore homes and schools.*

For more information, call Angela Tyler at 410-504-2605

Greater Rosemont Historic Tour
The Beautiful Bridgeview Community

Baltimore Heritage, Inc. is hosting a historic walking tour that will highlight the unique treasures found in the Bridgeview neighborhood. We will explore the museum inside the Melvin H. Cade Armory, the one of a kind alter inside The Church of the Holy Trinity and everything in between.

Where:	Melvin H. Cade Armory 2620 Winchester St
Date:	Saturday, December 13th
Time:	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Hosted by:	Baltimore Heritage 410.332.9992
Admission:	FREE

On the tour we will speak with original members from the James Mosher Baseball League; we will be regaled with stories from "the forgotten road warriors", and then we will be treated to a history lesson and refreshments at The Church of the Holy Trinity led by the reverend. Please come and join us in celebrating this vibrant neighborhood

Road Map to Financial Freedom - Free Financial Management Course

Road Map to Financial Freedom is a FREE money management service for students and adults. Our services include:

One-on-One Financial Counseling
Financial Management Classes

Navigation Station-A Self-Help computer station where you can find…
-FREE credit reports
-FDIC Money Smart Programs
-Customized debt payment plan with Power Pay

Workshops Include: Building Blocks of Personal Finance, Life Cycle of Financial Planning, Intro to Savings, Banking Basics, Checking & Savings Accounts, Understanding & Managing Your Credit, Needs vs. Wants, Budget Right, Loan Control, How to Avoid Predatory Loan/Pay Day Lending

For more info, contact Dominique Clark at (o) 443 984-3766/ (vm) 410 951-3622 or dclark_chcdc@yahoo.com

AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

BY COPPIN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BRAND NEW HOMES

2777, 2779, & 2781 West North Avenue
(Walking Distance to Coppin State University)

Monthly Payment (including Principal, Interest, Taxes, and Insurance)**: $1,035.00***

FEATURES: 3BR/1.5BA, Porch front homes with Full walk-out basement and parking pad in rear. NEW furnace, hot water heater, plumbing, and more! Open floor plan, Master Bedroom Suite with oversized closet, Powder Room on first Floor! Optional finished lower level would make an excellent fourth bedroom, family room, or den. **Apply now and your home can be customized! Call 443-984-3766 or 410-951-3622 to schedule an appointment.**

***Monthly Payment is estimated based on current Interest Rate and is subject to change.**

Thinking of buying a home?
Attend one of our FREE HOMEBUYER Workshops

(Facilitated by a licensed Real Estate Agent)

When:
2nd Tuesday of the Month
Where:
Coppin Heights Community Office (inside Calverton Elementary/Middle School), 1100 Whitmore Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21216
Time:
6PM – 7PM

Find Out:
- What you need to purchase a home?
- How to prepare for the credit application?
- Grants & other resources to assist with closing costs.

Pre-register by calling 443-984-3766.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY

December 22, 2008
5:00pm – 7:00pm
Calverton Elementary/Middle School, Community Room, 1100 Whitmore Ave

Music, Food, and Fellowship!!
RSVP by calling 410-951-3622

ALERT

Beginning in January 2009, the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community Newsletter will be distributed every other month.

Coppin State University

Campus Recruitment Activities December 2008

Campus Group Tours
Scheduled daily
Sept. 2008 - May 2009

NEW Fall Recruitment Outreach! Academic Department Classroom Experience & Open House
Honors College - Present at all recruitment programs

School of Nursing	**December 5, 2008**	**9:30 am –2:30 pm**
Fall Open House	**December 5, 2008**	**9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Visit us online for more information or to R.S.V.P. for upcoming events! www.coppin.edu/admissions

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***Nurturing Potential**...Transforming Lives*

FEATURED PARTNER – Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order. By buying food from first rate suppliers at substantial volume discounts, Angel Food is able to provide families with approximately $65 worth of quality, nutritious food for $30. **Angel Food Ministries does not use out-of-date food or inferior products**.

ABOUT THE FOOD
Each month's menu is different and consists of fresh, frozen and packaged food. (December's Menu is attached) Angel Food is purchased from the nation's top food suppliers. Providing quality, nutritious food at significant discounts on a regular basis is one practical way to give people a "hand up" during difficult times. The cost for a box of Angel Food is $30. There is no purchase limit for boxes of Angel Food. There are no applications or qualifications necessary to purchase.

Who qualifies? Everyone, there are no applications or qualifications to order Angel Food.

Where does the food come from? Our food is "restaurant grade" meats, frozen vegetables, fruits, dairy products, etc. which we acquire through our involvement with only the best producers/vendors of high quality, "name brand" foods. Never "seconds" or "day old" type products are involved.

Can we receive more than one unit or special? Yes, you can order as many regular units as you would like. To receive a special box you must first order a regular unit.

What forms of payment are accepted? We accept cash, check, money order, credit, and food stamps.

To learn more about how you can purchase a box of Angel Food, visit the website at http://www.angelfoodministries.com or call the River of Life Christian Center at 410-483-5433.

HOLIDAY RECIPE - Cranberry Eggnog Cheesecake

For the crust:
3 T. butter or margarine
3 T. sugar
1 egg
1 C. all-purpose flour
1/4 t. baking powder
1/8 t. salt

For the cheesecake:
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/2 C. sugar
2 eggs, separated
1 1/2 C. eggnog
1 T. all-purpose flour
1 t. vanilla
1 t. lemon juice

For the topping:
1 C. chopped fresh cranberries
1/2 C. sugar
1 1/2 t. unflavored gelatin softened in 1/4 c. water

Whipped dessert topping, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350° F. To make the crust, cream together the butter and 3 T. sugar. Add the egg and blend. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt.

Press mixture evenly over bottom and 1 1/2 inches up the sides of an ungreased 9-inch springform pan. It will make a rather thin crust.

To make the filling, cream together softened cream cheese, 1/2 C. sugar and egg yolks. (Reserve egg whites.) Slowly add eggnog, 1 T. flour, vanilla and lemon juice. Beat the reserved egg whites until stiff, and then gently fold the cream cheese mixture into the beaten egg whites. Pour mixture into prepared crust.

Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Cool completely.

To make cranberry topping, combine chopped cranberries, remaining 1/2 C. sugar and 1/3 C. water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir gelatin-water mixture into hot cranberries until dissolved. Refrigerate until partly set. Spoon atop cooled cheesecake, spreading to make an even layer. Chill several hours or overnight. Pipe whipped dessert topping around edge.

Makes 12 - 15 servings.

To advertise in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community News, please 443-984-3766 or 410-951-3622

About Our Organization…

Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont, a great place to live, work, and play!

We are seeking volunteers for our Events Planning Committee. To sign up, call 443-984-3766 or send an email to chcdc@coppin.edu

Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established in 1995 by the Coppin State University Development Foundation to advance the broader community improvement/ neighborhood revitalization agenda of the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community. CHCDC is dedicated to promoting the health and stability of the Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont community.

Our Mission and Objectives

Our mission is to be a catalyst for suitable and affordable housing for low to moderate income residents and to stimulate economic development within neighborhoods immediately adjacent to Coppin State University through the establishment of social, economic, educational and affordable housing development initiatives that collectively increase the stability and sustainability of our community.

Our objectives are:
(1) To raise the socio-economic and educational levels of community residents,
(2) To expand economic development opportunities for community residents
(3) To develop safe, decent, and affordable housing.

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BECOME A MEMBER OF CHCHC

The Coppin Heights CDC is a membership organization which gives community residents a chance to become involved in the future of Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont. Members are kept informed of CDC events and activities, are invited to attend our Steering Committee meetings and provide input and guidance on CDC outreach activities. CDC members can also volunteer to serve on a committee or to assist with a CDC project. If you would like to become a member, visit or office or request that a member form be mailed to your home. Membership is just $5 per year and open to anyone who lives or works in Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont and is 18 years of age or older.

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