The Frontline

> Family Self-Sufficiency News ◆



The FSS Department is proud to serve the residents of GDPM and assist in opening the doors of opportunity. The FSS team provides case management and service coordination services that link residents to a number of resources through our community partners who provide assistance in areas such as child care, career testing assessments, work place literacy and work readiness programs, credit counseling, first time homebuyer programs, and more!

FSS Orientations are held the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of the month at 400 Wayne Avenue. Space is limited so please contact PH FSS Coordinator <u>Clair Thompson at (937) 910-5413</u> to get registered for our next session and learn how FSS can assist you!

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Our Mission: To develop housing solutions for individuals. seniors, and families. We seek to improve neighborhoods by offering diverse housing options. We require that our families. employees, and partners demonstrate responsible character, which strengthens the economic health, vitality and humanity of the Miami Valley.

New Homeowner!

The FSS Department loves it when a plan comes together! Markita Woodall joined the FSS program in June of 2010. Since she enrolled into the program she has been motivated to succeed and accomplish her goals. The barriers that she overcame since joining the FSS program were rebuilding her credit, paying off debt, and saving money so that she could become a First Time Homebuyer. As of October 2015, she has successfully completed all her goals and was able to purchase a home for her and her family. "I want to thank the FSS Department for guiding me and helping my dream come true. And a special thanks to my FSS coordinator **Jasmin Mitchell**." ...Markita Woodall



Congratulations to DeSoto Bass resident Jozetta Corbitt! Jozetta is the 1st graduate of the Public Housing FSS Program.

When asked what she'd learned?

"How to preserve, by striving for more...set goals."

When asked what she'd change about her journey with the FSS program?

"I wouldn't change anything; I wish I had gotten started sooner."

Final Thought...

"Five years may seem long, but it really goes by fast so stay the course even when it becomes difficult, remember it's all up to you!"



Your Money

The FSS Department held its Financial Fitness Week during the month of September and received great feedback! A special thanks to Ivy Williams and Holly Musgrove of Wright Patterson Credit Union and Ronald Jackson from New York Life who came out to discuss various financial topics including budgeting, credit, student loan debt, bankruptcy, and homeownership to name a few.





52 Week Money Challenge

The idea is simple: deposit \$1 into your savings account on week one of 2016, followed by \$2 on week two, \$3 on week three, etc, etc, until you reach week fifty-two where you make your last deposit of \$52. Your final balance at the end of the year is \$1,378. It's a simple way to save almost \$1,400.



52 Week Money Challenge

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
1	\$1.00	\$1.00	27	\$27.00	\$378.00
2	\$2.00	\$3.00	28	\$28.00	\$406.00
3	\$3.00	\$6.00	29	\$29.00	\$435.00
4	\$4.00	\$10.00	30	\$30.00	\$465.00
5	\$5.00	\$15.00	31	\$31.00	\$496.00
6	\$6.00	\$21.00	32	\$32.00	\$528.00
7	\$7.00	\$28.00	33	\$33.00	\$561.00
8	\$8.00	\$36.00	34	\$34.00	\$595.00
9	\$9.00	\$45.00	35	\$35.00	\$630.00
10	\$10.00	\$55.00	36	\$36.00	\$666.00
11/	\$11.00	\$66.00	37	\$37.00	\$703.00
12	\$12.00	\$78.00	38	\$38.00	\$741.00
13	\$13.00	\$91.00	39	\$39.00	\$780.00
14	\$14.00	\$105.00	40	\$40.00	\$820.00
15	\$15.00	\$120.00	41	\$41.00	\$861.00
16	\$16.00	\$136.00	42	\$42.00	\$903.00
17	\$17.00	\$153.00	43	\$43.00	\$946.00
18	\$18.00	\$171.00	44	\$44.00	\$990.00
19	\$19.00	\$190.00	45	\$45.00	\$1,035.00
20	\$20.00	\$210.00	46	\$46.00	\$1,081.00
21	\$21.00	\$231.00	47	\$47.00	\$1,128.00
22	\$22.00	\$253.00	48	\$48.00	\$1,176.00
23	\$23.00	\$276.00	49	\$49.00	\$1,125.00
24	\$24.00	\$300.00	50	\$50.00	\$1,275.00
25	\$25.00	\$325.00	51	\$51.00	\$1,326.00
26	\$26.00	\$351.00	52	\$52.00	\$1,378.00

Maintenance Spotlight!

The FSS Department would like to acknowledge all of the maintenance and custodial staff of GDPM. Without their hard work and dedication it would not be possible for the FSS Department to bring weekly events to you the residents. They ensure agency community areas are clean and ready for use, often times receiving praise from outside organizations who visit our properties to deliver services. Starting this quarter the FSS Department would like to begin giving special recognition to crews that go above and beyond the call of duty to help in any way possible to assist the FSS service coordinators who put together events that benefit residents at their site. This quarter we give special recognition to Darryl Miles and the maintenance/custodial staff at Grand Senior Living. "Whenever there is a issue or problem at Grand Senior Living, I can always count on Vincent, Fletcher, and the crew for assistance." – Yolanda Drake



Congratulations Ms. Sharon Carruth!

FSS Service Coordinator, Yolanda Drake recently coordinated a Biggest Loser Contest at Westdale Terrace. During the contest there were a number of workshops focused on healthy living, eating right, and exercise. Ms. Carruth was victorious, losing the most weight during the two month period.

Ms. Carruth received a prize package from the City of Dayton Parks and Recreation which consisted of a month pass to the Dayton Recreation Center on Third Street, a book on healthy grocery shopping and a book on making healthy choices at restaurants, a portion control bowl and a water bottle. The FSS Department also gave a bus pass for 1 month. All the things Ms. Carruth needs to continue working towards a healthier lifestyle.





Your vote counts! Many communities and populations are chronically underrepresented when it comes to participating in elections. Because of this, many of the issues facing the communities we live in go unaddressed. Get engaged! November 3rd is the General Election. Find out where your polling location is and research candidates, issues, and more at the Ohio Secretary of State www.sos.state.oh.us (and) the Board of Elections (937) 225-5656 www.mcboe.org

Holiday Gatherings 2015

Wolfcreek: Tuesday Nov. 17th 1:30-3pm

Mount Crest: Wednesday Nov. 18th 1:30-3:30pm

Park Manor: Friday Nov. 20th 1-4pm

Olive Hills: Friday Nov. 20th 3:30-4:30pm

Monarch Arms: Monday Nov. 23rd 1:30-3pm

Cornell Ridge: Tuesday Nov.24th 11-12:30pm

Westdale: Tuesday Nov. 24th 1:30-3:30pm

Metropolitan: Friday Dec. 4th 1:30-3:30pm

Wilmington Hi-Rise: Monday Dec. 7th 1:30-3:30pm

Madrid: Tuesday Dec. 8th 1:30-3:30pm

Wilkinson: Wednesday Dec. 9th 1:30-3:30pm

Winston Woods: Friday Dec. 11th 11-12:30pm

Wincliff Village: Monday Dec. 14th 11-12:30pm

Hallmark/Meridian: Monday Dec. 14th 1:30-3:30pm

Indian Trails: Tuesday Dec. 15th 2-3:30pm

Wentworth: Wednesday Dec. 16th 1:30-3:30pm

Triangleview: Wednesday Dec. 16th 1:30-3pm

Bellefontaine: Thursday Dec. 17th 1:30-3pm

Grand Senior Living: Friday Dec. 18th 1:30pm-3:30pm

W. Riverview: Monday Dec. 21st 1:30-3pm

DeSoto Bass: Tuesday Dec. 22nd 1:30-4pm

Mr. Miller's Motivational Quotes

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill