**HCV NEWS**

**SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER**

*Tis the season!!*  Four deserving Housing Choice Voucher families were chosen to receive Thanksgiving baskets with items donated by the HCV staff and GDPM co-workers. The families received everything you could imagine to make Thanksgiving Day complete, including a turkey!

For the Christmas holiday, the HCV staff selected two organizations that we work closely with, the YWCA and VASH (Veterans Administration Supportive Housing). The staff donated household items to help the families get started when moving into a new unit.

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Weather Extension will begin on Friday, November 1, 2013 and expire on April 30, 2014. Weather extensions cannot be granted on initial inspections.

- The quarterly Owners Meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2014. (5:00-6:30pm) A-Atheron Plumbing will be the guest presenter. Please make plans to attend.

- Our goal is for this newsletter to be a pathway of communication to expand the collaboration between owners, tenants and the agency.
HCV FEATURED TEAM MEMBERS

By B. Christman

When you call 910-5430 the voice you hear will be TYRONE SEARCY.

Tyrone was hired on June 3, 1993 as a Messenger for the Agency. In May, 1995 he was promoted to an Inspector in the Housing Choice Voucher Department.

When not working, Tyrone enjoys following the Trotwood Rams Basketball Team. He is a long time member of Phillips Temple and mentors young men in the community.

Ty is a devoted husband and father and believes in the institution of the family unit.

Tyrone believes that communication between the Owners and the Inspectors is the key to help make the inspection process flow more smoothly. One tip he would pass along to our Landlords; do their own inspections throughout the year and prior to an annual inspection to cut down on the number of failed items and enhance the chances of an inspection passing the first time.

On May 2005, KINDRA WOOD was hired has a Leasing Specialist in the Housing Choice Voucher Department. In 2008 Kindra was promoted to HCV Auditor and then to Compliance Specialist. Kindra was promoted in August 2012 to her current position of HCV Team Leader.

Kindra is an avid softball player with the Women’s Softball League and plays first base. She is also the Secretary for the Miami Valley Xpress Softball Board who helps over 130 girls.

Kindra is married and has two daughters. One daughter attends Heidelberg University and the other daughter is a freshman in high school and plays travel softball year round.

Kindra volunteers at Southbrook Community Church with Guest Services.

When asked what she likes most about her job, she answered the diversity and challenges.

Kindra is always available to answer any questions a Landlord may have on the HCV process.
MIAMI VALLEY FAIR HOUSING CENTER, INC.

HUD, DOJ RELEASE NEW GUIDELINES ON AND CONSTRUCTION” REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

WASHINGTON – New guidance released on April 30, 2013 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) reinforces the Fair Housing Act requirement that multifamily housing be designed and constructed so that it is accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on disability, race, color, national origin, religion, sex and familiar status. The Fair Housing Act also requires that multifamily housing built for first occupancy after March 1991 contain accessible features for person with disabilities.

The new guidance is designed to assist design professionals, developers and builders in understanding and meeting their obligations and to assist persons with disabilities in understanding their rights regarding the “design and construction” requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act.

Since January 2009, HUD and its Fair Housing Assistance Program partners have investigated and either conciliated or charged 300 cases that alleged violations of the design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act. The Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division has filed 141 cases to enforce the Fair Housing Act since January 2009, 19 of which have alleged discrimination based on a failure to design and construct multifamily housing in compliance with the Act.

To read the new guidance please go to this link:
Plan to attend our 2nd Annual HCV Trade Show on May 15th 2014

- HCV Information
- Vendors
- Networking
- Door Prizes
- Food & Beverage

400 Wayne Avenue
5:00pm-6:30pm

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