

# “The Future is in Our Hands”

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## *Wheatley Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Newsletter Hello Again...*

### *Fathers & Families*

On Friday, June 15, 2012 the San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign with the Choice Neighborhood & Eastside Promise Neighborhood Initiatives launched its first Pre-Father's Day Celebration “Fathers & Families” which was attended by more than 150 fathers, mothers and children. The day was filled with food, music/entertainment, vendors, raffle prizes and a special guest appearance from the Spurs Coyote.

The day was topped off with a men only roundtable “A Gathering of Men”. All the roundtable panel members were given white T- shirts to wear, this was done for many reasons, and it was looked at as a statement of “unity”. Discussions were held regarding the definition of father, the importance of education, men and their roles in families and the community, the significance of spirituality, brotherhood; regardless of race/color/ethnicity, entrepreneurs and several other topics. The men who participated have described the experience as spiritual and they want it to continue. A second event is planned for July 28<sup>th</sup> on the St. Philips campus. *See upcoming events.*



*Leo Gomez, Vice President – Public Government Affairs, San Antonio Spurs Entertainment*

### *East Side Choice Neighborhood Appreciation Luncheon*

On June 18, 2012 the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) and the Wheatley Choice Neighborhood Initiative hosted an appreciation luncheon for partner organizations that rallied in support of the \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grant application. The application was submitted on April 10, 2012.

To build on the established momentum, the luncheon featured interactive, roundtable discussions of actionable items and revitalization strategies. Some of the Partners in attendance included Spurs Sports and Entertainment, Eastside Promise Neighborhood, Community members, Boys & Girls Club, St. Phillips College, City of San Antonio, Ft. Sam Houston, Neighborhood Housing Services, Merced Housing Texas, Trinity University, Family Services, VIA, Bexar County District Courts, Urban Strategies, SAISD, the Business, Education and Faith-Based Communities and many others.



*Eastside Choice Neighborhood Initiatives Partners*

In 2011, SAHA was awarded a two-year \$250,000 Choice Neighborhoods planning grant, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to develop a transformation plan for the Wheatley Neighborhood.

## Summer Camp

St. Philip's College has provided opportunities for SAHA children within the Choice footprint to attend summer camp. The camps began on July 9<sup>th</sup> and will culminate on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Science & Math Summer Academy (SAMSA) is for children ages 11 to 15 years old and includes hands on activities in Medical Instrumentation Technology, Atmospheric Sciences, Genetics, Space Exploration, Mathematics, and Chemistry. Students will participate in weekly field trips centered on lessons taught in classes. Tentative field trips for this year include Witte Museum,

## EPN

Interested in learning more about Eastside Promise Neighborhood and how you can have a real and meaningful impact on children's education on the Eastside? Come participate in a committee meeting! Current committees include Out of School Time and Safety, with more planned for the coming year. Please contact Tony Leverett at 210-352-7064 to get more information on the committees or visit [www.eastsidepromise.org](http://www.eastsidepromise.org) to learn about this

## Upcoming Events

*Monday, July 9 – August 10, 2013* **Summer Youth Program**, Washington Elementary, 1823 Nolan / Pershing Elementary, 600 Sandmeyer

*Friday, July 13, 2012* **Midnight Basketball League**, 11pm, Davis-Scott Family YMCA, 1213 Iowa Street

*Monday, July 16, 2012* **Advisory Council Meeting**, 12pm – 1:30pm, Sam Houston High School Cafeteria (4635 East Houston Street)

*Saturday, July 28, 2012* **Men's Round Table**, 10am-12pm, St. Phillips College, Learning and Development Center (LLDC), Building 17 Room 112, 100 Meerscheidt. (It's between Dakota and Maryland)

*Monday, August 13, 2012* **Advisory Council Meeting**, 5pm – 6:30pm, Sam Houston High School Cafeteria (4635 East Houston Street)

## Wheatley' newly formed Resident Council submitted a D.P.U.Y. request and was approved!

The D.P.U.Y. fund is the main resource for paying the costs of operating a Resident Council (ex. Supplies, equipment, and light refreshments). D.P.U.Y. funds are distributed from HUD to SAHA, as part of its operating subsidy, and from SAHA to the R.C. (Resident Council). The goal given by HUD is to promote and foster resident participation in public housing. HUD awards funds to SAHA at twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per occupied unit per year for resident participation activities. Of that amount fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per occupied unit per year is to be provided to directly fund duly-elected Resident Councils, with the remaining ten dollars (\$10.00) per occupied unit per year reserved to SAHA to pay for its costs respective to such Resident Council trainings

## Midnight Basketball League Tips off on the Eastside

The Midnight Basketball League, targeting young men on the East Side has begun. The games are held on Fridays at 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. and will continue through Aug. 4 at the Davis-Scott Family YMCA at 1213 Iowa St.

The league —one of several programs funded by a \$23.7 million Eastside Promise Neighborhood grant through the U.S.



Education Department and administered by the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County — culminates in a single-elimination tournament and is free to participants.

Aimed at “providing an alternative to help curb crime, drug use and negative influences,” according to the United Way, the league targets young men in an area that has seen an uptick in violence recently.

## Summer Youth Program

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department provides a self-monitored, supervised summer program for children throughout the city. Children will enjoy sports, crafts, games, art, science, fitness, nutrition and more. *See below for more information*

**Monday – Friday**  
**7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Ages 6-12 years old**

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Free lunch and snack for all participants.

**\*\* Registration starts on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. \*\***

**Washington Elementary, 1823 Nolan**

**Pershing Elementary, 600 Sandmeyer**

**Eastside Promise Neighborhood  
Scholarships Available!**  
**First come, first served!**  
**Take this flyer when you register.**

Registration Requirements:

- Parent / Legal Guardian must be present. (Must have photo ID)
- If applicable, a completed 2012 Income Verification Form. (Income Verification Form can be completed at time of registration)
- Birth Certificates / Adoption documents for all children in the family household.
- Original and copy of Guardianship / Power of Attorney documents. (notarized)

Items needed for Income Verification:

- Parent / Legal Guardian must be present. (Must have photo ID)
- 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. (2011 Federal Income Tax Return *after* April 17, 2012)
- Birth Certificates / Adoption documents for all children in the family household.
- Social Security Income documents. TANF, SNAP, Lone Star Card, Medicaid and/or CHIP award documents.
- 2011 -2012 School free or reduced lunch qualification form. (if applicable)
- Notarized employment verification document.

For more information call 207-3000.

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### Speak Up!

We want to hear your voice, so speak up and let us know what you want to see in your community newsletter! Let us know what you think and share your ideas for an article. Want to submit a picture, share a story, or have an event put on the calendar, let us know.

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