“The Future is in Our Hands”

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, entrepreneurships 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 28th on the St. Philips campus. See upcoming events.

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.

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.
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 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)
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.

Please send any ideas/questions/comments/concerns you have to
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