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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF CH HAPPENINGS: VOLUME 14

Summer Youth Employment Programs Kicks Off!

On Wednesday, July 6, Columbia Housing hosted its internship orientation for the annual Summer Youth Employment Program and this year's 22 students.

During the orientation, students met the supervisors from participating departments. Jordan Tribble, a rising freshman at the University of South Carolina stated, "the orientation was truly an amazing experience for the new interns. Personally, I got the opportunity to interview the CEO Yvonda Bean about what I could expect from my experience at Columbia Housing. I really liked that."

CEO Yvonda Bean summed it up this way, "This program gives our students ages 14-19 years old opportunities that few young people have at such a young age. We are delighted to play a role in their growth and development."

Thank you SVP Resident & Strategic Initiatives Teshia Stewart for spearheading this important effort!

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Summer Youth Employment Participants Visit Midlands Technical College Campus

Midlands Technical College (Airport Campus) hosted our 22 student interns for a College Tour.

Since many of the students are interested in STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) the Surgical Technology, and the Mechatronics workshops were a HUGE hit!

Thank you Midlands Technical College for showing us around and sharing your campus! Special thanks to Dr. Ronald Rhames for hosting, providing lunch, and even transporting our students!

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Columbia Housing Hosts Columbia's Talented Tenth Class

Major Shout Out to The Talented Tenth and the Dubois Fellows for this awesome professional development program. The mission of the Talented Tenth SC is to raise the standard of excellence of Young Professionals in the African American community.

Columbia Housing was honored to host the recent session on Internal & External Communications for the Young Professional.

Thanks to our own Communications SVP Cynthia Hardy for spending your Saturday morning with these sharp professionals!

Thanks Commissioner Kara Simmons for getting Columbia Housing involved in the Talented Tenth Mentor Program!



Staff Success Story: Reginald Reese & Jermaine English

For the past year, Reginald Reese and Jermaine English have attended weekly training classes to update their maintenance technician skills while working toward a professional distinction within their industry.

Both Reese and English recently completed the first of two years in the Employee Empowerment Apprenticeship and Certification Program. Upon completion of the program, each will receive a national credential from the US Department of Labor for Building Maintenance Technician. The program is made possible through a partnership with Midlands Technical College that provides a customized job-related education module that is specific to building maintenance proficiency and customer service skills.

Columbia Housing CEO Yvonda Bean applauds both Reese's and English's accomplishments and underscores the significance of the partnership with Midlands Technical College. "Columbia Housing is the only public housing authority in the country to provide the development/training and competency-based program certified by the United States Department of Labor. We are happy to offer this benefit to our maintenance technicians," concludes Bean.



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Congratulations Commissioner James Chatfield!

Congratulations to CH Commissioner James Chatfield for being named one of Synovus Bank's 2022 Here Matters Award Winners.

Chatfield is a senior community development manager based in Columbia, South Carolina. In his role, Chatfield supports the community development activities of Synovus' South Carolina, Northeast Georgia, and West Central Georgia divisions as they work to enable customers, communities, and other stakeholders to reach their full potential. As part of these efforts, Chatfield recently planned, developed, and executed Synovus' first Youth Entrepreneurship Summer (Y.E.S.) Camp in partnership with Benedict College, a historically Black college and university in Columbia.

We're proud of the work you do Commissioner Chatfield!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Clear the List for Midlands Teachers! Help Our Local Educators!

Thank you United Way for leading the charge to support our teachers!

United Way is helping teachers across the Midlands #ClearTheList by supplying their classrooms with essential materials for the upcoming school year.

We appreciate our TEACHERS! Please help if you can!

You can help by donating through the United Way of the Midlands Amazon Wish List today!
<https://amzn.to/3yApU3l>

#ReadySetSupply #AmazonWishList #teachers #schoolsupplydrive



Richland County Recreation Commission Hosts Drive-Thru Back to School Supply Drives Aug. 9 - 20, 2022

Richland County Recreation Commission wants to give out free necessary school supplies to kids in grades k-12 this upcoming school year. Remember to wear a face mask, and all children must be present in car to receive supplies.



The new school year is right around the corner! For this year's Back to School Bash, drive thru and get what you need! We will have stations set up in the parking lot where you can stop to get each item before heading home! Kids have to be present in the car at the time of the event. Masks are required for the driver. Supplies are limited, and offered on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, call Ashely Adams at (803) 741-7272.

Date Time Location

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:30 pm Polo Road Park
 Friday, August 12, 2022 6:30 pm St. Andrews Park
 Saturday, August 13, 2022 10:00 am Bluff Road Park
 Saturday, August 13, 2022 10:00 am Eastover Park
 Saturday, August 13, 2022 11:00 am Ridgewood Park Community Center
 Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:00 am Pine Grove Community Center

Address

800 Polo Road Columbia, SC 29223
 920 Beatty Road Columbia, SC 29210
 148 Carswell Drive Columbia, SC 29209
 1031 Main Street Eastover, SC 29085
 805 Crest Street Columbia, SC 29203
 937 Piney Woods Road Columbia, SC 29210

SAVE THE DATE: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH-RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO!

AUGUST 13TH, 10AM-12PM! Held at R2i2, 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29229

- Activities for children
- Sports League Signups
- Job Recruitment
- FREE Backpacks and school supplies (limited qty)



Encouraging Communities giving back to the community with this amazing Back To School Bash! Free Food, Motivational Speakers and so much more!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, August 6, 2022

WHERE: Hyatt Park Gym, 950 Jackson Ave., Columbia SC 29203

Free Admission! Free Food for Kids! Free School Supplies! Food Trucks! Music! Vendors! Motivational Speakers! Barbers & Hairstylists and MUCH MORE!

Please feel free to bring tents and lawn chairs!



OUR MISSION

BECAUSE COLUMBIA HOUSING CARES, WE ARE LEVERAGING THE POWER OF HOUSING TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO THRIVE.

OUR VISION

COMMUNITIES OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CAN LIVE, WORK, AND THRIVE TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

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