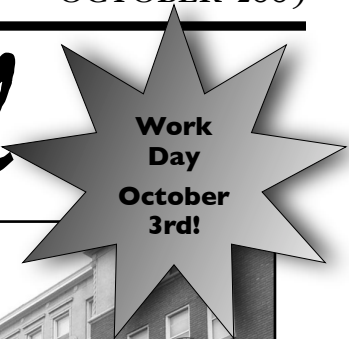


# The Jubilee Journal

## Welcome Home

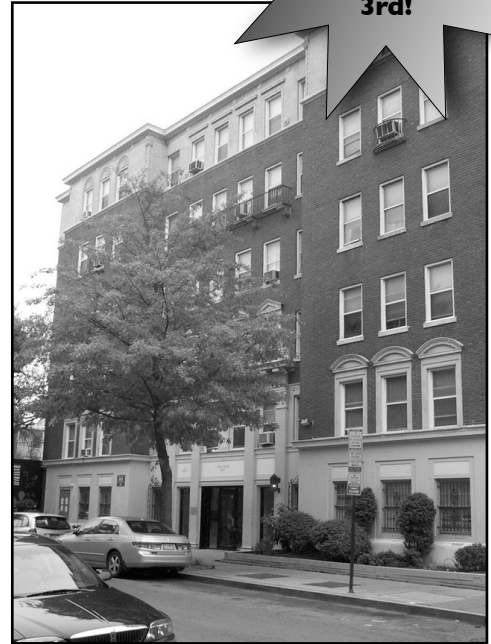


The wait is finally over. After a complete rehab, the 80-year-old Ritz building re-opens this month. New and returning families will move into 60 updated units on five stories, connected by a handicap-accessible elevator.

The entryway to the building opens up into a gracious hall decorated with two murals created by students at the Sitar Center.

The main floor contains a large community room named for Jim and Patty Rouse (Two of the original founders of Jubilee Housing). With a double-equipped kitchen, the room will serve as a gathering place both for Ritz residents and all of the Jubilee Housing community.

On the other side of the hall is a state-of-the-art computer lab, named for Gaye Beasley Haynes, one of the original board members of Jubilee Support Alliance. All Jubilee residents will



*The Ritz building was built in 1926 and purchased by Jubilee Housing in 1973*

be able to use this wi-fi accessible lab as a classroom and a computer space.

Teens from Jubilee Youth Services will have their own program space at the Ritz. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Teen Renaissance Center will include a large gathering space, a computer lab, a small kitchen, and rooms for individual instruction.

Happy Homecoming!

### Dream Come True



For Rowda Abbas, the Ritz is the answer to a long-held dream. Rowda, her husband Abdull, and her three sons are moving this month from a cramped one-bedroom apartment in Adams Morgan to a spacious three-bedroom unit at the Ritz. “The kids will finally get their own room,” she says. “We will be able to make a space for them to do their homework. It will improve their life—and mine.”

Rowda and her husband, both originally from the Sudan, came to the U.S. in 1999 when her husband won the immigration lottery. “It was a big surprise,” she says. “We went, even though I was eight months pregnant.” They eventually found an apartment in D.C., and had two more children—who are now enrolled in Jubilee Youth Services. Rowda visited the Jubilee Housing *Continued Page 3*

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## Property Management

### Building Updates:

*Work Day 2009 is scheduled for **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** and we hope everyone comes out and participates in a great community day. Come to the registration table that morning and see Charletta Cowling to be given a t-shirt and assigned to a work team. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.*

#### **Mozart, Fuller & Marietta**

Recertification letters are going out, please make sure to make an appointment with Quiana to complete your annual paperwork.

#### **The Ritz**

It is with great joy that we announce that the Ritz is now 99.9% complete and we have received our Certificate of Occupancy. Moves are scheduled to start the first week of October and our goal is to have the building completely occupied by November 30, 2009.

If you are moving to the Ritz make sure that ALL documents have been turned to Quiana so we can process your final certification. A member of the Property Management team will contact you about scheduling your move date and unit inspection for those households currently offsite. Please remember that appliances / bathrooms should be cleaned and the unit should be clear of trash, furniture and debris. If you need boxes or tape stop by the office.



#### **Euclid & Sorrento**

The time has finally come! Renovation of the Euclid and Sorrento will begin this month and is scheduled to be completed by December 2010. Please make sure that you have completed all necessary paperwork and you have scheduled your move date. If you have any questions contact a member of the property management team.

#### **Ontario Court**

We continue to receive complaints about loitering on the front steps. Please refer to your lease and community rules as it pertains to the above.

**As a reminder, if you have any outstanding maintenance issues please contact the office at 202-299-1240.**

**Our goal is to provide excellent customer service!**

### **So long for now, but not farewell**



Residents, staff and friends, Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> will be my final day at Jubilee Housing. I will be leaving to accept a position at The University of the District of Columbia Community College where I'll be working with college students and recruiting for the school. I am sad to be leaving Jubilee—I have enjoyed being a part of the community the last two years, getting to know most of you and your wonderful spirits. I leave with fond memories – building meetings, the beach trips, Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebrations. I will continue to be in the neighborhood and will come by to visit as time and opportunities permit. I will miss our daily interactions. I love you all. You have been a blessing in my life and have helped me grow as a person.

## Jubilee Youth Services Fall Program

Jubilee Youth Services’ fall programming has begun! While JYS is embarking on some exciting changes, the heart of the program remains the same – to provide the children and youth of the Jubilee Housing community a safe, nurturing place of belonging during the out-of-school time hours. Some of our special plans for this fall include:

- **Early Start , K-2:** Children will continue their successful gardening project, receive art instruction from Sitar Arts Center, and learn problem-solving skills
- **In the Activity Zone , 3-6:** Children will embark on fun and interesting field trips, earn Incentive Dollars for their very own Activity Zone Store, and celebrate creativity with art projects
- **Teen Renaissance, 7-12:** Teens will engage in special mentoring sessions, participate in creative community service projects, and increase their financial literacy skills

### Want to Volunteer?

Come support the children and youth of the Jubilee Housing community by volunteering with Jubilee Youth Services, Jubilee Housing’s after school program! The after school centers are located in the Fuller, Mozart, and Ritz buildings. Please call Molly Watson, Youth Services Program Manager for more information: (202) 299-1240 ext. 23.



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offices for years, asking about the possibility of moving in. When she heard about the Ritz opening up, she stepped up and followed the application process exactly. The move to the Ritz is happening just in time for this family. “My building is going condo,” she says, “and charging \$1300 for an efficiency. I didn’t know what we were going to do.” The whole family is excited to join the Jubilee Housing community. Look for them at the Ritz!

### **An Afternoon in the Park**

*By Mozart Resident Pastor Rivera*

A group of Jubilee Residents went to a Rock Creek park on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to play soccer and have a picnic. The park was very close in Rock Creek Park next to the Zoo. It rained a little but it didn’t stop us from having fun playing soccer and grilling beef and chicken. I was given the assignment to cook the food and I also grilled corn and hot dogs. We were truly in community as all the residents that came



helped out in making salad, making sure the children got enough food to eat and were out of the rain. Everyone had a great time and friendships were strengthened between the residents and staff. My family and I truly feel blessed to part of the Jubilee Family and I thank the Lord for such an opportunity.

## Upcoming Activities

### Jubilee Housing Work Day 2009

On **Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8:00am to 12:30pm** come be a part of an amazing day as you work side by side with your neighbors, friends, family, tradesmen, skilled laborers, business professionals and Jubilee Housing residents & staff! We will set up in **Festival Center Parking Lot** located at the rear of the Festival Center. Come out, have fun and be a part of your Jubilee Community!

### Sign-up For SHARE Groceries

The sign-up deadline for the SHARE grocery program is **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Grocery pick-up will be on Friday, **October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-6:30 pm**. Menus are posted in the lobby of each building. To sign-up, contact Mozart resident Elizabeth Lewis or JH staff member Tim Murphy.



### Trip to Aldi's Supermarket

All Jubilee Housing residents are invited to go to Aldi's Grocery Store on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. The van will depart from the Festival Center parking lot at **10:00 am** and will return around 12:30pm.



### Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

This month, Jubilee Housing residents are hosting the second annual Hispanic Heritage Month. Come **Friday, October 9, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm** to taste food from many different Central and South America Countries and to learn about how they celebrate their Independence Days. Jubilee residents will give lessons on salsa and meringue dancing. Please bring a dish to share. For questions, and to sign up to bring a dish, please call Wesley or Charletta at 202-299-1240.



### Ritz Building Grand Opening and Celebration

On **Wednesday, October 14**, Jubilee Housing residents, staff, and community supporters will gather at the Ritz to celebrate the building's grand reopening. Gordon Cosby, D.C. Council Member Jim Graham, and many other speakers will reflect, recognize, and celebrate this homecoming. All are welcome. **Tours will begin at 1:00 pm, speakers at 2:00.**



### Halloween Party

The children and youth of Jubilee Youth Services will host the 2009 Halloween Party at the Festival Center on **Friday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Fun and wacky costumes are encouraged! Join Jubilee Youth Services for an evening of fun, food, and togetherness!

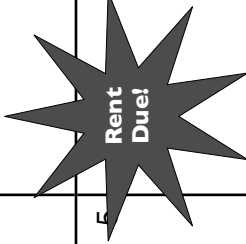


### Get Your Rear in Gear 5k

After a spring and summer of walking together, the Jubilee Housing Health and Fitness Club has set one final goal for the year, to complete a 5K walk (3.1 miles). On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> we'll head to beautiful Alexandria, VA to participate in the annual "Get Your Rear in Gear" run/walk. Six weeks remain before the big day and there is still time to join us as we prepare. The walking group meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 am. For more information, contact Mozart resident Janett Barksdale or JH staff member Tim Murphy. You can do it!



# Jubilee Monthly Events Calendar - October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					JH Staff Meeting Office Closed 10:00-11:00am	JSA Work Day 8:00am-12:00pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Hispanic Heritage Planning Meeting 6:30pm			SHARE Grocery Sign-up Deadline	Aldi's Grocery Trip 10:00am-12:00pm Hispanic Heritage Celebration 6:30pm Festival Center	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day		Ritz Grand Opening 2:00pm	Pest Treatment Ontario Court	JH Staff Meeting Office Closed 10:00-11:00am	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Pest Treatment Mozart	SHARE Grocery Pick-up 4:00-5:30pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Teen Renaissance Center Dedication 6:00pm Ritz			Halloween Party 6:00pm Festival Center	