

The Jubilee Journal

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Putting On the Ritz

The day finally came. On October 14, residents, supporters, staff, city officials, and the press celebrated the newly redeveloped Ritz Building. What a wonderful reunion! Original founders Terry Flood and Barbara Moore giggled in front of old photos of them in the Jim and Patty Rouse Hall. Gordon Cosby talked about old times with Patty Rouse in front of the Ritz. Fuller resident Charletta Cowling chatted with new Ritz resident Will Callands. Former Ritz residents Tammy Wise and Elizabeth Lewis remembered old

times. D.C. Council Member Jim Graham talked with Jubilee Housing Executive Director Jim Knight.

And everyone shared the miracle of the Ritz redevelopment--a fulfillment of the Jubilee Housing dream of providing decent, low-cost housing. The building includes amenities such as energy efficient appliances and air conditioning, and the ground floor houses a spacious community room, a computer learning center, and a teen center. J

A new community is underway!



William Callands, first resident at the newly redeveloped Ritz.

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Ritz Update

- Returning Ritz residents should all be moved in by mid-November.
- New Ritz residents should be moved in by mid-December
- Orientations to the new building will begin November 9.

Meet New Ritz Resident Stephanie Vann

After years of trying, Stephanie Vann and her three children are officially becoming Jubilee Housing residents. "It's really amazing. It's been a long journey," she says.



Welcome, new neighbor!

Jubilee Housing program five years ago, and began stopping by to see if there were any openings. Then, last May, Stephanie stood in line all night at the Festival Center as more than 400 peo-

ple waited for the chance to receive an application for the newly redeveloped building. "I saw all these people just like me trying to find a decent place to live. I didn't know what my chances would be," she said.

A Washington native
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Stephanie first heard about the

more than 400 peo-

(Article on Stephanie Vann, continued)

Stephanie has been living in North-east. "I read a quote the other day from a woman who said that 'a rotten place to live leads to a rotten life.' That's what I've been feeling like. I am looking forward to moving into my beautiful apartment. Just like the apartment is new and fresh, I feel like I am being given a fresh opportunity."

Stephanie is looking forward to living in Adams Morgan, which is close to her children's school. The family also attends classes at the Sitar Center, "and it will be fun to be able to walk home from there," she adds.

Please give a big welcome to the Vann Family! J

Hispanic Heritage Night

Everyone near the Festival Center could sense it—good music, good smells, and happy people strolling in to Jubilee Housing's 2nd Hispanic Heritage Night.

Food committee members Rosa Maldonado, Gilma Merino, and Maria Reynosa encouraged everyone to cook, and wonderful meals graced the plates. Gladys Bagwell, Gabriela Rojas, Amanda Moreno, and Hilda Amancio served up generous amounts of beans and rice,

chicken, serviche and other specialties. Amarelis Dias and Nancy Salmeron decorated the room.

Participants had fun filling out a quiz about Latin America, and speakers from the different countries told a little about their homes. Everyone

heard the sounds of Salsa and Merengue music, played by super DJ Moises Castillo. Thanks to all those who came out to share the richness of these different cultures. J



Working the Work Day

They came, they saw, they weeded and mulched. On a sunny day in October, volunteers, neighbors, residents, and staff members of Jubilee Housing came together on one day to do projects that would have taken the staff months to accomplish. They hefted materials from the old teen center to its new location at the Ritz. They landscaped around five different

buildings. They worked on a new playground for Jubilee JumpStart. A talented team worked wonders with a power washer. Another team cleaned out the old Jubilee Housing offices.

Then, thanks to some master grillers and servers, everyone came back



to the Festival Center for a delicious picnic lunch of burgers, hot dogs, salads, and desserts for all. Old friendships were renewed; new friendships were made. And at the end of the day, the place looked GREAT! J

Double Your fresh food dollars

Want more fresh food? You can use Food Stamps, WIC or Senior "Get Fresh" coupons to receive free market dollars for food at these farmer's markets:

H Street—625 H St. NE, Saturdays, 9am-Noon. Closed after Nov. 21

Silver Spring—Saturdays, 9am-1pm, Ellsworth Drive between Fenton St.



and Georgia. Open until Dec. 19.

To use your benefits, go to the Market Information Tent and tell the staff how much money you would like debited from your Food Stamp/EBT card. They will swipe your card and give you double the amount requested in \$1 tokens. Or present your WIC or

Senior "Get Fresh" coupons to the staff at the Market Information Tent to receive double the coupon amount in tokens.

Use these tokens around the market for any food item (*You cannot use tokens to buy flowers or other non-food items*). If you don't use all your tokens that day, you can save them to use there later. J

Upcoming Events

Get Your Rear in Gear 5K

On *Saturday, November 14*, we'll head to beautiful Alexandria, VA at 6:45 am to participate in the "Get Your Rear in Gear" run/walk. To sign up, contact Tim Murphy at the office as soon as possible.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Want to receive a food basket for this Thanksgiving? The first 175 people to sign up will receive a free basket. Call Charletta at the office to sign up—202-299-1240, ext. 21. The pick up date for the baskets is *November 23, 2009* at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Ritz community room.



Ritz Orientation

New and returning residents who have moved into the Ritz building are asked to attend an orientation session (as stipulated in the lease) on November 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come out and meet the neighbors!

Holiday Wish List

Would you like extra gifts this holiday season? The first 75 people to complete and turn in their holiday wish list for their family will receive free holiday presents. Please call Charletta at 202-299-1240 as soon as possible to sign up. To receive the wish list by email, write to Joy at jgendzel@jubileehousing.org



Jubilee Youth Services

A New Beginning for the Teen Renaissance Program

The teens of Jubilee Youth Services have officially moved out of the Mozart building and into the Ritz, ushering in a new beginning for Teen Renaissance! Thanks to Jubilee's generous supporters, including the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Teen Renaissance can enjoy their comfortable, spacious, state-of-the-art space. The brand new center includes private study rooms, a computer lab, a kitchen, and a large living room for group activities. J

Early Start Celebrates Fall with a Trip to Butler's Orchard

On Thursday, October 29th, DC Public Schools released students early, giving Early Start the opportunity to whisk the children away to Butler's Orchard in Germantown, Maryland for an afternoon of pumpkin picking. The 300-acre farm provided the Early Start children with ample space to explore, as well as the opportunity to take home pumpkins! J

Activity Zone Kids Earn the Chance to Experience Wild Oceans...in 3D!

While the Early Start children were picking pumpkins at Butler's Orchard, the Activity Zone kids were experiencing their own adventure at the Smithsonian's IMAX Theater for a presentation of Wild Oceans, a 3D movie about Earth's seas. The kids were able to participate in the IMAX field trip by "purchasing" the trip at the Activity Zone Incentive Store. Through good behavior and strong academic effort, the kids earned Activity Zone's "cash". This cash was then used to purchase their participation in the field trip – which was a blast! J

JYS Celebrates Halloween

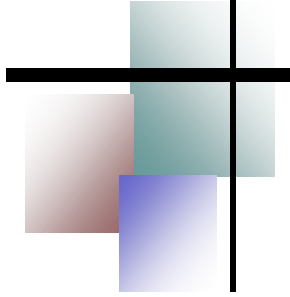
The children, youth, staff, and families came out on Friday, October 30 to celebrate Halloween – JYS style! The party consisted of crazy costumes, tantalizing treats, and generous gift bags for the kids to take home. The costumes were the best part, with Miss Aliya wowing the crowds as a baby, Miss Liz dazzling the party-goers as a pirate, and Mr. Antione, in an apparent competition with himself, coming as a wizard. What do you think – did Mr. Antione one-up himself from last year? Look at the pictures below and you decide! Call JYS to give your opinion – 202.299.1240 ext 23. J



Mr. Antione in 2008



Mr. Antione in 2009



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Pest Treatment, Fuller & Mari- etta	6 JH Staff Meeting Office Closed 10:00 to 11:00 am	7
8	9 SHARE Deadline Ritz Orientation 6:00 to 8:00 pm	10	11 Building Mtg., Ontario Court, 6:30 pm	12	13	14 5 K Race, 6:45 am, Festival Center
15	16	17	18 Building Mtg., Mozart, 6:30 pm	19 Pest Treatment, Mozart	20 JH Staff Meeting Office Closed 10:00 to 11:00 am	21
22	23 Thanksgiving Baskets 7:30 to 9:00 pm	24	25 Building Mtg., Fuller/Marietta, 6:30 pm	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
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