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Message from the COO

Dear Friend of Shiloh CDC,
It takes all members of a community to raise a well-balanced and healthy child. With support from community partners, volunteers, and funders, we had another successful summer of serving hundreds of local children. Thank you for welcoming me on board as the Interim Chief Operating Officer. I look forward to working with you in the coming seasons.



Freedom School Scholars Discover the Fun in Reading

"It is a positive and productive experience."

-2014 Freedom School Parent

While most children lost two months of grade-comprehension during the summer months, the Freedom School Scholars had an opposite outcome: 97% of our attendees either maintained or improved their reading comprehension levels.

On average, younger scholars read an average of 15 books while older scholars read 6 books during the program. When not visiting the world through books and cheering about how much they love

Sincerely,

Marie Thelusma-Chase



215 children received dental screenings at Back2School Fest



800 backpacks filled and given away at Back2School Fest



Rev. S. Howard Woodson Jr.
Memorial Scholarship
Recipients, Aug. 2014



The summer begins and ends with work in the

reading, our scholars enjoyed morning harambes, afternoon recreation, and outings to places such as the Franklin Institute, Snipes Golf, Dorney Park, and the beach.

The Princeton Area Community Foundation supports Freedom School because their mission is to advance community well-being by enabling organizations that help "their communities meet the challenges of changing times."*

Other donors and supporters include the Trenton Board of Education, First Tee of Trenton, Isles, the NJ Partnership for Healthy Kids, Ross, Feller, and Casey Law Firm, and The College of NJ.

*From the Princeton Area Community Foundation website: pacf.org

National Night Out Contest Winners



The **National Night Out Against Crime** attendees selected drawings by Devita Johnson, Kahlil Thurmon and Kahmil Thurmon as the winners of the street art contest. The event was filled with community, free food, fun, and information.

Family Success Story

Imagine coming home one day to discover that your locks were changed. Who do you call? What do you tell your children? The Shiloh CDC Community Resource Center is a place that you can turn to in such a crisis.

Recently, a family came to the Community Resource Center when they were locked out of their apartment. Raphaelle Register, a Community Information Specialist, contacted their landlord and convinced him to let the family back into the apartment to get their things. She also arranged for emergency Rapid Housing, money for the family to get their phone turned on, and provided the adults with job search assistance.

Two months later, the mother was employed at Mercer Hospital. Her fiancé was offered a job at a warehouse, and the family is now living on their own, without external assistance, once again.

Upcoming Events

October 22nd
Debt Reduction/Financial Literacy Workshop

Serenity Garden

Open to the public. Held at the Community Resource Center at 40 Fowler St. 11a-12:30p

 Join Our Mailing List

 Send to a Colleague

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October 23rd

Mercer County- NJCEED

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the 416 Bellevue Cancer Education and Screening Center in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. RSVP to achatham@shilohcdc.org

October 23rd

Princeton House Behavioral Health

Free lecture on Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse in Hamilton, NJ. 8:30a-9:30a. RSVP by 10/16 nzorochin@princetonhcs.org

November 1st

*NJ State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.
Founder's Day Luncheon at 40 Fowler St.
Noon. \$40 Donation call [856-881-8329](tel:856-881-8329)*

November 15th

Affordable Care Act Kick-Off

Get help signing up for insurance, or, get questions answered at 416 Bellevue Ave in the Old Capital Health Building. 10a-2p.

November 15th

*Positive Black Images Connect Marketplace
Old Capital Health Building 10a-2p.*

December 20th

Christmas Celebration and Toy Give Away