

Spring 2015 Shiloh CDC Community Connections Newsletter

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[Job Fair at the Community Resource Center](#)

(40 Fowler St.) - April 29th,
3-6pm

Family Life Services

Shana Thomas*, one of Shiloh CDC's families, is engaged in several of our programs. She joined the Family Club to have a way to spend more quality time with my son. Our staff is helping her with the transition back to the work force. According to Shana, "The work readiness classes helped me be more professional and assisted with interviewing skills. I had been out of the job market for seven years, so I needed this support."

Furthermore, she is taking the agency's web design class to gain experience in technology. As for her son, she

**Soaring to New Heights
Breakfast: Champions for
Families [Register
now](#)** (Shiloh Baptist
Church) - May 7th, 8-
10:30am

**Annual Rev. Howard
Woodson Jr. Scholarship
Golf Outing** - August 8th,
11th

Freedom School- The Legacy Continues

The Shiloh CDC has sponsored the CDF Freedom School program for the past six years.

Our Freedom School Program already has 80 children enrolled for the summer. The proceeds from the "Soaring to New Heights" breakfast will go towards the Freedom School and other summer enrichment programs. [Register today!](#)

Need Volunteers

Freedom School needs read-aloud guests and group leaders. Read-aloud guests commit to reading one story for 30 minutes. Contact Rosalind Derricotte at rderricotte@shilohcdc.org for more information.

Library Outpost

The Trenton Free Public Library, in collaboration with Shiloh Community Development Corporation and Global Life Enterprises, unveiled the Bellevue Avenue Library Outpost. The Library Outpost initiative is the first of its kind in New Jersey and surrounding states.

Trenton City Council President, Zachary Chester shared his thoughts on the project: "It is positive initiatives such as this that

shared that "The Freedom School program helped my son love books. He reads more now, and, we go to the library regularly. This weekend he got a new book and he read it in one evening!" The Shiloh CDC's programs and services are making a difference in the life of this family.



Shiloh CDC, with support from our Trenton Historic Development Collaborative (THDC) partners, is committed to helping parents increase their skill levels and obtain higher income. According to the National Center for Children in Poverty, families and their children experience poverty when they are unable to achieve a minimum, decent standard of living that allows them to participate fully in mainstream society.

The [Community Resource Center](#) helps families map their goals to resources available in the THDC neighborhood and beyond.

*Names have been changed for confidentiality.

CYMP Youth Summit



Youth Summit Participant

The Capital Youth Mentoring Program's 5th Annual Youth Summit took was on April 9th at Shiloh Baptist Church.

More than 90 youth and 15 vendors participated.

will provide the residents access to the literary resources they need."

"This new Library Outpost is an awesome idea! It will give access to books that residents would normally have to go out of their way to get. The site is a one stop shop as people come to get other services," commented Yolanda Swiney, Community Consultant, Vice President.

The young people who attended talked about relevant issues such as cyberbullying and health issues. They were also able to look for summer employment, participate in a video game tournament, and learn more about colleges and universities.



Prostate Cancer March



Rev. Armstrong starting the March

On March 29 2015, the community along with Pastor Armstrong of Shiloh Baptist Church marched to the Cancer Screening Center at 416 Bellevue Ave for free Prostate Cancer Education and Screening.

African-American men are nearly 1.6 times more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than Caucasian men and 2.4 times more likely to die from the disease.

According to Edward Bullock Sr., "We can and must be change agents within our community. It starts with education and building awareness. I am very proud of our Fraternity President Walter Drew Smith, the members of Kappa Alpha Psi, Rev. Armstrong, and the many community partners that helped make our March for prostate cancer awareness a huge success." - According to Edward Bullock Sr., event organizer.
