

Housing Matters

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15th ANNUAL FSS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The Housing Authority of the County of Butler hosted the 15th Annual Scholarships Awards Luncheon on June 11, 2009. Eight residents of Housing Authority Properties were awarded scholarships. Ms. Leslie Osche, Executive Director of the Butler County United Way, presented as the keynote speaker, and representatives from Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper and Senator Jane Orié's offices presented the recipients with certificates. A total of \$6000 in scholarships were awarded at the luncheon, which was held at the Butler Days Inn on Route 8. Congratulations to the following recipients: Jamie McKinley, Wendy Farmer, Steve Denny, Chanel Spohn, Karen Spohn, Stephanie Steele, Amy Switzer and Neil Barlow.

The Housing Authority would also like to thank the following sponsors for their Generous Donations: NexTier Bank, The Robert Hartnett Family, National City, now a part of PNC Bank, Excalibur Management Inc, PNC Bank, Armstrong, Affordable Housing Accountants, and the Disabled American Veterans. The Housing Authority would also like to thank everyone who donated to this scholarship fund.



Scholarship Recipients, Leslie Osche, and representatives from Congresswoman Dahlkemper office, and Senator Orié's office at the '09 Scholarship Luncheon.



Mother and Daughter, Chanel and Karen Spohn both received Scholarships at the Scholarship Luncheon.

FSS GRADUATE

The Family Self-Sufficiency program is pleased to announce the graduation of Jamie Dahl, a Section 8 Housing Voucher participant. Jamie graduated on June 24, 2009, and received a check in the amount of \$3569.45. Jamie is currently employed full time at Ridgeview Boarding Home, and plans to use her escrow money to purchase a

reliable vehicle. Congratulations Jamie!

Another Section 8 participant also graduated from the FSS Program. This Program participant received a check in the amount of \$4770.77, and plans to use her escrow balance to pay off past debts.

Congratulations to both FSS Program participants!

FIRST ANNUAL HOME AND COMMUNITY EXPO

Join us on September 23, 2009 at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building for the first ever Home and Community Expo. This FREE event will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Join us to find out information regarding housing counseling, contractors, education, tax info, social services and networking opportunities. This event will be held in collaboration with Cranberry Township, and the Butler United Way. Contact the R.I. Department at 724-287-6797 for more information

DESHON PLACE II

Reunited Luncheon and Pre-Tour is August 12, 2009. Call for tickets at 724-287-6797

Construction of Deshon Place II will be completed by the end of August. Look forward to a Ribbon Cutting ceremony in September! Past and present and homeless participants will be speaking about their experiences.

HOME AND COMMUNITY EXPO
Event is free and open to the public.
DATE: 09 - 23 - 09
TIME: 3:00 - 8:00 PM
*Cranberry Twp. Municipal Building
2525 Rochester Road Cranberry Township, PA*

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<u>HOME</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ First Time Homebuyer▪ Current Homeowner Programs▪ Tax Incentives▪ Home Inspections▪ Home Equity Loans▪ Loan Modification / Refinancing▪ Foreclosure Prevention▪ Credit/Budget Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Career Opportunities▪ Educational Opportunities▪ Healthcare▪ Understanding Taxes▪ Energy Conservation▪ Community Volunteers▪ Social Services▪ And MUCH MUCH MORE!





Deshon Place II

NEW EMPLOYEES/INTERNS AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Linda Geisler began working the Butler County Housing Authority in March 2009. Linda will be working at the front desk

Nicki Dressler also began working at the Housing Authority in March 2009. Nicki works in the Section 8 Department. She has a Bachelor's degree in Library Science from Clarion University



Linda Geisler and Nicki Dressler

PHEAA WORK STUDY-INTERNS AND Kistina Galster graduated from Butler County Community College with an Associates degree in Criminology and will attend Slippery Rock University in the fall.

Jeanette Armentrout started at the Housing Authority in June. Currently she is attending Butler County Community College for Business Administration.



Kristina Galster and Jeanette Armentrout

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HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED MONEY!

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) received five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in grant money to

be used for foreclosure and vacant properties in the northeast counties of Butler County.

NEW COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE!

Residents of the Housing Authority properties provided more than 22 delicious recipes in the Vol. 7, 2009 cookbooks.

Please contact the R.I. Department at 724-287-6797 if you are interested in receiving one!

HOUSING COUNSELING

The 2009 Homebuyer Fair was held on April 29, 2009. Over 100 Butler County Residents received community information at the event. Thank you to our generous sponsors and to everyone who helped to make the event a success.

Foreclosure Prevention, Homebuyer Education, and Avoiding Predatory Lending Classes are now being held at the Housing Authority. Contact the R.I. Department at 724-287-6797 for more information.

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