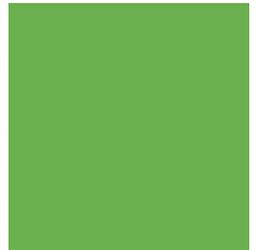
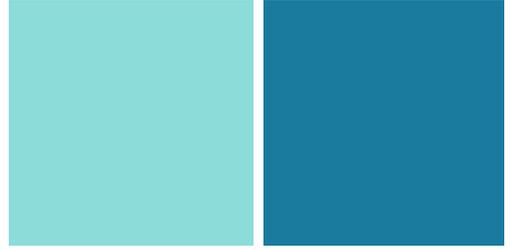


## COMMUNITY NEWS



### OUR MISSION:

To provide safe, quality, affordable housing to low income families, elderly, and the disabled in the Greensboro community; to maintain a secure community environment; and to encourage personal responsibility and upward mobility of residents while maintaining the



## Tornado Relief at GHA

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On Sunday, April 15, 2018, intense storms rocked east Greensboro when an EF-2 tornado ripped through 33.6 miles of land, leaving power outages and property damage in its wake. Fortunately for Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA), there was no substantial property damage to any of our twenty communities. However, Claremont Courts, with 250 units and over 714 residents, suffered power outages from Sunday evening until Wednesday, April 18. Many other parts of Greensboro were not as fortunate as Claremont, and just blocks away, homes and three local schools suffered significant damage.

The greater Greensboro community offered much support for those affected. Claremont's first day without power brought out volunteers and donations of bag lunches and hot food for dinners. The trend continued into the week, with food provided by local churches, citizens, restaurants and one special donor. Volunteers also delivered food door to door for those who were unable to retrieve their meals.

A generous monetary donation allowed the agency to provide dinners to Claremont Courts residents on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Overall, a total of 2,424 meals and 31 bags of groceries were provided for GHA residents. Over 49 staff members and countless community members and GHA residents volunteered their time towards relief efforts and served or delivered food. GHA is exceedingly thankful for the coordinated efforts across Greensboro.

## Rent Reminders

**Remember!**

Rent and other charges are due and payable on the first day of the month. Residents will be charged a late fee of \$15.00 if full rental payment is not received by the first business day following the fourth day of the month.

Late payment penalties will be due and collectible two weeks after written notice is provided by the Housing Authority. **Please remember to include your name, address and signature on your payment submittals along with your statement. If you did not receive a rent statement, please contact your community management office. Residents are still responsible for rent payment by the first business day following the fourth day of the month.**

Residents will be billed for the cost of repairs (beyond normal wear and tear) caused by the resident, his/her household guests in accordance with the schedule posted in your management office. Charges for maintenance repair will be due and collectible two weeks after written notice of charges. Failure to pay for maintenance charges on the date due is a violation of the lease and constitutes grounds for termination of the lease.

## Scholarship Winner



Cynthia Pickett and GHA CEO, Tina Akers Brown

Cynthia Pickett of Smith Homes was awarded a scholarship to assist with the cost of attending college. The scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is awarded through

Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO). Applicants came from across housing authorities in North and South Carolina. This program makes scholarship funding available for the purpose of supporting and fostering the educational pursuits of deserving residents of assisted housing being administered or managed by a Public Housing Authority.

Ms. Pickett, a senior at North Carolina A&T State University, will use this award toward her bachelor's degree in Music Education. She hopes to use her degree to become a music educator at the elementary school level or a band director.

## Art Workshops Held

Seventy-one children living in Greensboro Housing Authority's (GHA) communities or whose families are Housing Choice Voucher recipients attended art workshops this spring throughout GHA's communities. Workshops were organized by Resident Services staff, providing materials for participants to create posters expressing the importance of home. These workshops give youth the opportunity to explore their artistic talents and reflect on the theme, "What Home Means to Me." In addition, each participant includes an essay shedding light upon their artwork. These workshops are a part of NAHRO Housing America's annual, "What Home Means to Me" poster contest. Below are the local winners from GHA in each category.

### Elementary

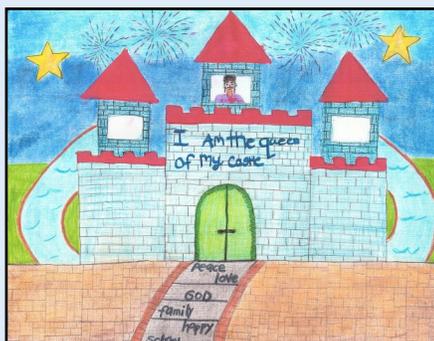
- 1—Bianca Hall (HCVP)
- 2—Ayana Miller (HCVP)
- 3—Evelyn Roach (Ray Warren)
- Honorable Mention—  
Neveah Parker (Claremont)

### Middle School

- 1—Caniya Hall (HCVP)
- 2—Malachi Slade (HCVP)
- 3—ZyAsia Haskins (Ray Warren)
- Honorable Mention—  
Tydameyeona Wright (Smith)

### High School

- 1—Alonzo Hall (HCVP)
- 2—Ciara Crews (Hickory)
- 3—Myrical Sumner (Ray Warren)
- Honorable Mention—  
Diamond Hall (HCVP)



Bianca Hall



Caniya Hall



Alonzo Hall

## Low-Cost Internet Options

To make the Internet more widely available, many service providers offer broadband access at discounted rates for qualifying families. Before signing up for any plan, be sure to ask questions about exactly what is provided and associated costs. Below are two programs currently offered in the Greensboro area:

### *AT&T Access Plan*

- Offers low-cost wireline home Internet service to qualifying households:
- With at least one resident who participates in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and,
- Without outstanding debt for AT&T fixed Internet service within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under this program.
- \$10 a month for 10mgbs
- Wireless router included
- No deposit
- No installation fee
- **Application:** <https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#/>

### *Spectrum Internet Assist*

- Must be a recipient of one of the following programs:
- The National School Lunch Program (NSLP; free or reduced cost lunch)
- The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the NSLP
- Supplemental Security Income (ages 65 and older only)
- \$14.99 per month for 30mbps
- Modem included but \$5 extra per month for Wi-Fi
- **Application:** <https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.html>

GHA is not the provider of these services. To see if you qualify for these programs, go directly to the website to complete an application. If you do not have an Internet connection, computers can be accessed at the public library or GHA's computer labs at Claremont, Hampton, Smith, Hall or Stoneridge.

## Wait Lists Closing

The Public Housing (PH) and Project-Based Voucher (PBV) wait list is closed as of July 31, 2018 until further notice.

## RAD Update

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to preserve aging public housing communities through the leverage of public and private debt and equity to reinvest in the public housing stock. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) applied and was approved to participate in the RAD program in December 2013.

Significant progress has been made at Lakespring with the interior renovations being completed. Exterior upgrades such as dumpster enclosures, mailboxes, playground and a sitting area have also been added. Construction should wrap up this summer. Improvements at Ray Warren have begun, which include window replacements, interior work and accessible unit modifications. For the Applewood community, the exterior upgrades are currently being installed, such as new roofing and mechanical equipment replacement. Laurel Oaks will be the next community to see changes and should begin renovations in September.

Please remember to look for notifications regarding the work taking place on the interior and exterior of units as well as site-wide. Residents should comply with dates given for construction. Meetings are being held at affected communities and will discuss construction schedules, expectations and offer a chance to ask questions. GHA thanks everyone for their cooperation and patience during this time.

## Moving Tips

During construction, residents will temporarily be inconvenienced while crews update the interior of units. Below are packing tips to make the transition easier.

- ⇒ Set aside daily items, such as clothes, toiletries and medicine in one place for easy access.
- ⇒ Take a picture of the back of your TV to help you identify which cables go where when you set it up next time.
- ⇒ Store TVs upright to avoid pressure on the lightweight glass.
- ⇒ Put heavier items on the bottoms of boxes and lighter items on the top.
- ⇒ Don't leave empty spaces in boxes; fill in gaps with clothing, towels or packing paper.
- ⇒ Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box
- ⇒ Label each box with the room it's destined for and a description of its contents.
- ⇒ Stack dishes upwards when packing, and be sure to use plenty of packing paper!
- ⇒ Free boxes and packing supplies will be available at your management office.

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## Boy Scouts Hold Event at Smith Homes

On July 18, 2018 GHA hosted a Boy Scout recruitment event to promote the new boy scout troop to be meeting at Smith Homes. The cub scout troop will continue to meet at Wiley Elementary. Interested in having your child attend (Kindergarten through 12th grade) or volunteering as a parent? Contact Irving Nunn at 303-3211



## GHA Hosts HUD Strong Families Initiative

On June 29, 2018, Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) held the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Strong Families Initiative Event at Ray Warren Homes. GHA believes that strong families are the building block to strong communities and is proud to celebrate the families in the communities we serve.

