

Please Support Resident Programs in Your Building

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Over the past couple of years, our Resident Services Department has worked very hard in bringing events and activities to our WHA buildings in an effort to increase the services we provide to you. With the limited funding that housing authorities receive for resident programming, it is critical that we find partners that are willing to provide the programs at little to no cost to the WHA. We have been fortunate to find partners along the way, but these partnerships are contingent on how many residents are attending these programs.

Over the past year, we have noticed a decline in attendance for some of our programs. This is concerning because our partners may take their business elsewhere if residents are not taking advantage of the free services being provided.

Some of our more popular programs include:

Pet Clinics – For years the WHA has offered free pet clinics at our buildings for your pets through a partnership with Tufts. Pets receive routine wellness care, vaccinations, parasite check, nail cutting, limited cat grooming and general check-up from head to toe.

Wellness Fairs - In partnership with four healthcare providers, WHA residents will be able to receive various services including blood pressure checks, diabetic testing, medication therapy management, and nutrition counseling. The fair will take place at five different WHA developments including Greenwood Gardens, 1060 Main Street, Murray/Wellington Apts., Lincoln Park Tower, and Curran.

Senior Center Transportation – WHA residents are able to receive free transportation to and from the Senior Center. This is a great partnership with the City of Worcester that allows residents to take

advantage of all the services the center has to offer and to meet new friends along the way.

Libby Library Mobile Bus – This is a full library service vehicle that travels throughout WHA properties to provide library services including popular books, DVDs, and books in various languages.

I ask each and every resident to please support our free programming in your building by attending these events. Many of our residents are unable to leave their building and without these events occurring, they would lose some critical services.

I want our partners to see how supportive and appreciative our residents are with the services they are offering. In turn, this allows us to make new partners and bring additional programs to your building. The more residents attend these events, the more likely a new partner will want to do business with us.

For those of you that currently support our programs, I would like to say thank you. Feel free to bring a friend from your building to the next event so they can also take advantage of the services. For those of you that have not been able to attend our programs, please do so. I think you will find them helpful and supportive.

Thank you and enjoy the warm weather that is finally coming our way!