



Neighborhood Networks: Connecting Residents to Opportunities

Conference Luncheon Program

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Delivering Technology Access to America's Communities



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Dear Neighborhood Networks Stakeholder,

Over the past 12 years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has partnered with dedicated individuals like you to create more than 1,300 Neighborhood Networks centers across the nation. In all 50 of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Neighborhood Networks centers are connecting residents to academic, professional, and personal opportunities. Residents are achieving greater academic success, realizing professional advancement opportunities, attaining the American Dream of homeownership, and becoming more financially literate. And all of this progress has been made possible through programs and services offered at local Neighborhood Networks centers.

Today's luncheon honors all of you who have helped to provide these opportunities for individuals living in HUD-insured and -assisted housing communities. We thank you for recognizing this conference as your own opportunity to increase your knowledge and to gather with fellow stakeholders in support of the Neighborhood Networks Initiative. We celebrate your tireless efforts, commitment to service, and dedication to the Neighborhood Networks mission. You truly are improving lives...one neighbor at a time.

Just as your efforts inspire the residents that you serve, those Neighborhood Networks centers that achieve advanced levels within the Neighborhood Networks Center Classification system also serve as examples of inspiration for the entire Initiative. Today, we recognize centers that have achieved "Model" and "Certified" status, and applaud their success in ensuring that Neighborhood Networks is committed to the highest standards of performance.

Please enjoy today's Neighborhood Networks conference, and thank you again for your attendance and participation. I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the resources available to you today, and I am hopeful that you will return to your centers with a renewed passion for connecting individuals to the opportunities we provide. Best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Montgomery".

Brian D. Montgomery

Assistant Secretary for Housing-
Federal Housing Commissioner

PROGRAM

Welcome

Delores Pruden

Director, Neighborhood Networks, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Invocation

Reverend Richard Neubauer

Arlington Assembly of God, Arlington, Virginia

Lunch

Musical selections provided by Victoria Paytonwebber, Harpist

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Lanier Hylton

Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Contract Administration Oversight
U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Keynote Address

Frank Davis

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Classification Presentation

Delores Pruden

Closing Remarks

Neighborhood Networks Center Classification

In June 2005, HUD's Multifamily Neighborhood Networks Initiative introduced a three-level Center Classification System to provide well-deserved recognition to Neighborhood Networks centers at all levels of development and achievement. The three Center Classification levels are Designated (Level 1), Certified (Level 2), and Model (Level 3).

Today, the following centers will be recognized for recently achieving advanced classification:

Model Status

Dauphin Gate Neighborhood Networks Center, Mobile, Alabama, Director, Dee Edwards
Spartanburg Terrace Resource Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Director, Benjamin Wright

Certified Status

Cathedral Place Neighborhood Networks Center, Mobile, Alabama, Director, Dee Edwards
Seneca Caz Community Center, Buffalo, New York, Director, Erica Newsom

As of July 2007, the following centers have achieved Model and Certified status.

Model Centers

Alabama

Community Network Learning Center
Dauphin Gate Neighborhood Networks Center

New York

Goodwill Industries Diane Armstrong Family
Learning Center

Ohio

Rainbow Terrace Center

South Carolina

Spartanburg Terrace Resource Center

Tennessee

CWA-Cayce Community Learning Center

Washington, D.C.

Community Preservation and Development
Corporation (CPDC) Gateway @ Edgewood
Terrace

Certified Centers

Alabama

Cathedral Place
Creekwood Village Neighborhood Networks Center

Arkansas

Allied Gardens Estates Activity Center
St. John's Empowerment Center

Colorado

Denver Metro Village
Neighborhood Networks Center
Warren Village, Inc.

Georgia

Red Oak Neighborhood Learning Center
The Villages at Carver

Kentucky

Cliffside Community Center
Jackson Woods/Smoketown Learning Center

Massachusetts

Castle Square Technology Center

Michigan

Yapo Computer Learning Center, Inc.

Minnesota

Advantage Center at Westonka Estates
Bassett Creek
Boulevard Gardens Advantage Center
Cathedral Hill Homes
Crown Ridge Apartments
Mt. Carmel Advantage Center
North Gables Senior Housing
Neighborhood Networks
Norwood Square
Oak Ridge Manor
Oak Terrace
Parkview Apartments Opportunity Center
Red Rock Manor Senior Apartments
Seward Tower East
Seward Tower West

Skyline Towers

South Haven Apartments
South Shore Manor
Summit Point
Torre de San Miguel
Westminster Place Advantage Center

New Jersey

PineRidge of Montclair

New York

Forever Young Computer Center
Ivy Rose Community Center
Kraus Computer Learning Center
Seneca Caz Community Center
Windmill Village Center

North Carolina

Newgate Gardens Neighborhood Networks Center
Westview Valley Apartments Neighborhood
Network
Wilson Senior Center

Puerto Rico

Jardines Condado Moderno Apartments
Las Americas Computer Learning Center

South Carolina

Irmo Village Neighborhood Networks Center
Spring Grove Apartments

Tennessee

Plough Towers Neighborhood Networks Center

Texas

Cunningham Manor Neighborhood
Networks Center
West Avenue Apartments Community
Learning Center

West Virginia

Valley Green Apartments Center
Wildwood House Center

Neighborhood Networks National Partners

Each year, the Neighborhood Networks Initiative builds partnerships with national organizations that offer services and products that centers need. Many of these partnerships pave the way for collaborations between centers and the national partner's local affiliate. Partnerships can vary in length and scope, ranging from organizing a single event, to multiyear agreements to train and place residents in jobs.

Since its inception, Neighborhood Networks has facilitated the development and maintenance of several partnerships designed to help residents of HUD-insured and -assisted housing communities achieve greater self-sufficiency and obtain access to technology. Listed below are some of the national partners that help Neighborhood Networks fulfill its mission:

- Adult Literacy Media Alliance
- Alliance for Technology Access
- Cisco Systems, Inc.
- CompuMentor/TechSoup
- Hargadon Computer, Inc.
- Grassroots.org
- i-SAFE Inc.
- Intel Computer Clubhouse Network
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- Operation HOPE
- Pro Bono Net
- TechMission
- U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid
- U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, CareerOneStop
- VolunteerMatch

Poised for the Future

A great deal has changed since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched the Neighborhood Networks Initiative in 1995. The network continues to grow, and today, there are more than 1,300 centers throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These centers are constantly devising creative and innovative ways to deliver the programs residents need to succeed. More and more property owners and managers—and residents—are reaping the benefits gained by opening an onsite technology center. Partners, both local and national, are discovering the many ways a Neighborhood Networks center can help them become more active in the community, and centers are benefiting from the support of these partners.

But despite the many changes that have occurred, one aspect of Neighborhood Networks has never changed: Stakeholders' intense commitment to the Neighborhood Networks mission. Neighborhood Networks stakeholders have always maintained a steady course focused on moving residents toward greater self-sufficiency and delivering technology access. The dedication of Neighborhood Networks stakeholders—HUD staff, center staff, owners and managers, partners, volunteers, and residents—has led to the success and steady growth of Neighborhood Networks and has created a solid foundation for future success.

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