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Kae Jenkins-Rodela and Friend at Our Brothers Place

Revitalizing Ohio Neighborhoods and Communities

By U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown
Guest Column

The financial crisis devastated homeowners and investors in Ohio and across the country. In the years since, we've made great progress but we know that the economy cannot fully recover until the housing market does.

Cleveland's Thriving Communities Institute estimates that there are 50,000 abandoned properties in Ohio that have fallen into disrepair. Vacant properties lower surrounding property values and can increase the likelihood of crime within the neighborhood. Ohioans shouldn't have to shoulder the burden of revitalizing these neighborhoods when big banks are to blame for the housing crisis.

In too many cases, banks generated billions in profits by disregarding the law and foreclosing on homeowners who were trying to pay their bills on time. When it came to light that the biggest banks had committed foreclosure fraud and used robo-signing practices that led to wrongful foreclosures, these large lenders agreed to pay more than \$36 billion in retribution.

These funds won't erase the housing crisis, but they can help reverse its course by providing critical resources for home rehabilitation, blight removal, and mortgage counseling.

Bank of America (BOA) recently reached a record-setting \$16.65 billion settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), which includes \$7 billion in consumer relief. Ohio deserves its fair share of these funds. That's why I teamed up with Senator Portman to urge BOA to work with the Ohio community groups that are leading neighborhood stabilization efforts as the bank distributes its settlement funds. By working with local partners who have been fighting to help homeowners and revitalize Ohio communities, the bank can ensure that funds will be immediately put to work to benefit to the areas that need it most.

Ohio was hit hard by the foreclosure crisis. It began here before it reached many other parts of the country and, until 2012, Ohio had 14 consecutive years of increasing foreclosures. In 2009, at the height of the crisis, 14,171 homes in Cuyahoga County were in foreclosure. By 2013, that figure dropped to 8,829, but remains far too high. Ohio's 22 land banks, local housing counselors, and groups like Thriving Communities Institute have worked tirelessly to help Ohioans recover. There's still more to do, but these groups have a plan with proven results to use these funds to continue their efforts to revitalize Ohio neighborhoods.

I urge Bank of America to stand by their promise to aid the communities that they hurt so badly in the financial crisis, and invest these settlement funds in Ohio.



Sen. Sherrod Brown

Community Calendar

September 27

Spring Street Baptist Church Anniversary Musical: 5 pm

September 28

Spring Street Baptist Church Friends and Family Day: 11 am worship service

September 30

Self Improvement Workshop Series: 6 to 8 pm; East Toledo Community Center; Presenters – Ben Hester, Waymon Farmer, Washington Muhammad: 419-322-5107 or 419-283-1017

October 3-4

Shelter N-A Storm Ministry Holy Convocation Revival: 7 pm nightly; Guest revivalists Johnny and Danielle Bonds; "Breaking Down the Walls"

October 4

Calvary MBC 85th Anniversary: "Don't Forget to Remember;" 6 pm; "Memorial Musical"

October 5

Spring Street Baptist Church 81st Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Clayborn Arnett of Greater Harvest

October 11

United Church of God Women's Breakfast: 9 to 11 am; Open to all women

October 12

Calvary Baptist Church 85th Anniversary: 4 pm Service; Guest speaker Pastor Lorenzo Edwards of Holy Cross

October 14

NAACP General Membership Monthly Meeting: 7 pm; 1326 Collingwood

October 19

Calvary Baptist Church 85th Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Donald Newsom of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

October 25

First Church of God Ceremony of Consecration by the College of Bishops for Rev. Robert Culp: 3 pm: 419-214-0530 or fcogconsecration@gmail.com

October 26

Spring Street Baptist Church 81st Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Cecil J. Graham of True Vine

Calvary Baptist Church 85th Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guest speaker Pastor Stanley Clark of United Vision Baptist

First Church of God 80th Birthday Celebration for Rev. Robert Culp: 10 am service; Guest speaker Bishop Timothy Clarke of Columbus: 419-214-0530

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Reparations for Aunt Jemima – Now!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

Well, it finally happened. The offspring of the famous black woman in the headscarf who has populated pancake mix boxes since... forever, have said enuff is enuff and they want money.

If you go to the Net and type in Aunt Jemima lawsuit, you will find a very interesting case that has been filed against Quaker Oats.

The great grandsons of Aunt Jemima want money.

Big money. Billions of dollars if you want to be exact and they want it now!

Call it a form of reparations or economic parity if you will but someone needs to get paid and why not the heirs of that famous, black, smiling face.

I can still think of the fond memories I had when growing up and seeing Aunt "J" in the kitchen cooking me up a batch of warm pancakes or waffles.

When I saw that box, I knew that everything was at peace in the world and I was about to sit down in my pj's and have a lip-smacking meal accompanied by pieces of fried bacon and a glass of cold milk! Can I get a witness up in here!

But I digress. The family heirs are hopping mad about how their ancestor's image was purportedly ripped off by a lot of shady shenanigans and how the young, future, pancake-box icon was tricked, due to her age, to sign documents that should be now be deemed unconscionable or woefully one sided.

As you know, back in the day, when black inventors or holders of recipes that were lip smacking good took their products to market, they were ripe game for nefarious operators and slicksters who preyed upon their innocence and trust and literally took their goodies and inventions for themselves.

A black inventor's idea was property of the Massa and he had no right to his creative talents being protected by patents or copyrights.

Many are the sordid tales of black inventors being robbed of their widgets and designs and recipes and unable to go to a court of law against a white man and prevail. They had no ability for a long period of time to reap the benefits of their creativity.

If you go to the library and check book out on black inventors you will be floored by all of the varieties of inventions that were thought up by people of color including the golf tee, ironing board, stop light, lubrication for railroad couplings, elevator, dyes, inks, fabrics, hair care products, gas masks, computer systems, blood bank, refrigeration systems, shoe stitching machinery, biscuit cutter, dentures, stair climbing wheelchair, gate latch, folding chair and etc...etc.

Enough said. Of course the problem with coming forward and claiming monetary rights to the image of Aunt "J" will be a herculean task since it will depend upon credible evidence consisting of written documents since practically all of the witnesses to Aunt "J" signing any agreements have gone on to their final resting place.

The heirs of Aunt "J" indicate that they have credible evidence to bolster their claim that bucks, big bucks are due and owing to them from the manufacturers of the pancake mix and from any other product that used the image of the shiny black-faced woman who gave comfort to millions of Americans around the breakfast table.

You know what is next? I am waiting for the heirs of good ol' Uncle Ben to stake their claim and to make sure that their forebear gets the ship righted and they can go to the bank with some of the millions that white corporate America made off of the images of black folks.

Time does not allow for the myriad of other black images that populated toys and clothes and food items which were utilized to sell, even in a derogatory manner, the products that white America used.

Somehow the image of a black face on food products was a seal of "good eatin'" for white America, even the vile but paternalistic images of black kids smacking their over-inflated lips on juicy, red watermelons in a watermelon patch.

For white America, deriding and debasing black people knew no bounds...even the children were not safe from being pictured as docile and happy under the bonds of servitude.

White America did not dress their fabled Betty Crocker with a head rag as they did Aunt "J" because their Betty Crocker stood for all things that were wonderful and nice and lovely about Americana. An Americana in which black folks were of no regard but useful only for purposes of exploitation.

I have a cookbook at home on which the cover is graced by an oversized "mammy" with a head rag and a rolling pin. Of course she is featured with gigantic lips and puffy black cheeks. This is a period in American history in which such pictures made white America feel superior to anything not white and reinforced their stereotypical images that blacks were strictly cartoons, clowns or buffoons.

I hope that the heirs of Aunt "J" get a humongous financial windfall as a recompense for such economic chicanery imposed upon people of color.

I hope Uncle Ben's grandkids and great grandkids follow suit and make sure that all was in order and proper if their forebears likeness was not properly compensated for the millions and millions of dollars of sales that his "old and darkly but grand image" generated for the companies that used his image.

As a side note, on October 18, my college, Kent State University, is going to pay homage to my four years of photographic images that I took of black kids on that campus during the heyday of the black power movement and the tragic May 4 shootings.

I have donated hundreds and hundreds of photographic negatives to the university archives but I did so with the written and explicit agreement that any monies generated from that showing or from future usages of those images are to go my bank account and to my estate.

I reserved the copyrights to those images for posterity. Ain't no Aunt Jemima or Uncle Ben's up in here!

Contact Lafe Tolliver at Tolliver@Juno.com

The image is a promotional poster for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. At the top, it features the Komen logo and the text "SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014" and "21ST ANNUAL NORTHWEST OHIO-TOLEDO SUSAN G KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE". Below this, it says "REGISTER NOW!" and "www.komennwohio.org". The poster also includes a quote: "In Celebration of Denise McCroskey - In Memory of Linda 'Lulu' Key" and "Our Vision: A World Without Breast Cancer". There are several logos for sponsors, including "Local Presenting Sponsor NORTHWEST OHIO FORD DEALERS", "PLATINUM" sponsors like "THE BLADE", "FRUCHTMAN", "STARR ADS", and "WYOLITE", "GOLD" sponsors like "meijer", "Mercy", "City", "A", "The Toledo Tribune", "DINES", "OSU", "Pine Ribbons", "4 PHARMACIA", "Aeromark", "The Home Depot", and "Wendy's".

The Trick to Getting Your Tenants to Pay Rent Every Month

By Brian Rome, Program Director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo
Guest Column

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo's new pilot program: The Tenant Readiness Program, now in its second year, has taken out all of the "tricks" to help make sure families acquire exactly what they need to be able to pay rent every month.

The key, as oppose to a "trick," is expecting from new renters the same standards you would expect for yourself when leasing or purchasing a new home. Unfortunately, we see many cases where unprepared renters slip through the cracks and are approved for leases, when it was clear that they were not ready. It is a red flag to our program, when a renter is relying on agency services to support their move. To us it is translated- they are trying to move before they are legitimately ready.

The Tenant Readiness Program, in its first year, served 50 families in search of housing. One of the objectives of the program is to work with renters before they sign a lease, by accessing their vulnerability in six identified core areas.

These six areas, we believe are essential to be able to overcome the minor setbacks that prevent them from paying their rent on time.

At year end, 90 percent of the participants obtained one or more needed resources than they had before their Stability Assessment.

But just as important, our objective is to help renters avoid signing a lease if they realistically are not in a position to afford the financial responsibilities of their desired home. We were able to encourage 41 percent of the participants to delay their search to complete a plan to either improve their financial situation or to find more affordable housing.

The big picture of our success is that the program is potentially preventing those same renters from putting themselves in a position where they would need eviction assistance in the near future. By taking a proactive approach, this would save approximately \$23,700 from our eviction assistance budget.

Encouraging our clients to be "Legitimately ready" before signing a lease is a standard we encourage landlords or property managers to promote also. The questions we encourage you to answer for yourself are: 1) Do they actually have enough income to afford all of the



Brian Rome

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The Law and Leadership Institute – Preparing High School Students for College Success

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Law and Leadership Institute (LLI) is a collaborative program for high school students that is funded in part by the Ohio State Bar Foundation and involves all of Ohio's nine law schools as well as the State Bar Association, the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education.

"It's the best kept secret in education in the area," says Pariss Coleman, attorney, LLI board member and the program's head cheerleader in northwest Ohio.

The LLI's summer program is now being offered in Ohio's six largest cities – Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton and Akron – with a special emphasis on reaching out to minority students.

"We are looking to improve diversity in the legal profession and looking at under-served communities – that is our mission," said Marilyn Preston, LLI administrator of the Toledo LLI and a professor of Legal Writing at The University of Toledo College of Law.

LLI, a four-year college preparatory program that starts with instruction in criminal law and court procedures, is intended as a vehicle to help high school students gain critical academic skills in studying and test-taking. The program focuses on developing students' ability to write and express themselves, thereby building self-confidence, positive peer group relations and excitement about a

professional career.

Steve Jemison, retired chief legal officer for Proctor & Gamble, is the CEO and board president of the Ohio LLI and Heather Creed is the chief operations officer. The organization is overseen by a board of directors. Each of the cities has a site administrator.

The Toledo LLI began five years ago with a single ninth-grade class. Every year another ninth-grade class of students enter the Toledo LLI. Two graduations have been held thus far – 2013 and 2014 – and all of the graduates have entered colleges.

The students undergo four rigorous weeks during the summer and then commit to spending 12 weekends a year during the school year during their first year.

As students advance through the program, they will experience law-related seminars and field trips, a four-day paid summer internship, and participation in a law debate (moot court) program while paired with an attorney or law student.

"My goal is to graduate with a degree in political science, go on to law school, eventually become a government official and an advocate for students in urban areas with high poverty," said one 2014 Toledo LLI graduate.

For more information, visit the LI web site at lawandleadership.org or contact Marilyn Preston at 419-530-2863



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All who came out had the opportunity to mix, mingle and take pictures with the cast. DJ Keith Success made it a party adding his music and mixes to the already energized atmosphere. State Representative Michael Ashford and Toledo City Councilman Tyrone Riley presented Tom Joyner with a proclamation.

Tuesday's event was followed by the Tom Joyner Morning Show broadcasting live from the Mix 95.7 studios before hanging out with 95 lucky listeners who won the opportunity to dine with the cast at the Hollywood Casino. Sponsors of the TJMS Toledo tour were: Our Brother's Place, Toledo Lucas County Port Authority, The Self Brothers of Taylor Kia and The Grand Plaza Hotel and Convention Center.



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advantage of and I wanted to give the residence of this community the opportunity to enjoy music in the park."

Emery said she agreed to participate in the event because she loves hosting and she's always ready to assist when it's about bringing good people together. "I love my city, I've been here all my life and I'm well connected to some GREAT people here and I realize I'm here for a reason and that's bringing people together for a worthy cause," said Emery.

Riley said he was very satisfied with the turn out considering it was their first such event and he has plans for doing it again. "I'm looking forward to doing it again," said Riley, "twice next year, spring and toward late summer. I think it helps improve upon the life of the city and gives people something to look forward to."

The performers included Toledo's own Shawn Kane, Melody Tate and local bands FUSION and Quarter Till featuring Art Bishop and music by DJ Keith Success.



Brenda Durrah-Jones and Charlie Grainger



Melody Tate



Arthur Bishop



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Celebrating Springfield Local Schools' First African-American Principal

By Carla Yvette

A celebratory reception was held August 11 at L'Ambiance Hall in honor of Rhonda Jemison, newly-appointed principal of Springfield High School and the first African-American principal of a Springfield Local School in the district's 100-plus year history.

Well wishers gathered to offer congratulations and support at the event hosted by Mildred Clark. Michael O'Shea, Ed.D., SLS Superintendent said there's no doubt that he promoted the right person. "Rhonda is the right person at the right time. Her appointment is well deserved," he noted.

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Diane Luszczewski and Rick Szczygielski



Bonita Adams and Ken Newbury



Jemison with SLS students



Jemison with her uncle Ron Carter



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History of the Blum

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The Blum Street Café dates back to the 1920's. From 1925 – 1941, it was owned and operated by John Krolak as "Krolak's Café", a confectionery store. In 1945, it became a local bar known as the "Blum Café" under the ownership of John Jesionowski.

Jesionowski maintained ownership of the building and business until 1964 when purchased by Pete and Dahlia Lyle.

In 1964, the customer base was primarily a German and Polish mix. Operating hours were 8 a.m. – 1 a.m., six days a week. Soon after, a 2:30 a.m. permit was purchased under which we still operate today.

The new "Blum Café" inherited the previous owner's philosophy of "a shot and a beer" otherwise known as a "boilermaker." Liquor was approximately 35 cents per shot, draft beer was 10 cents per glass and canned beer was 15 cents per can. The original hosts and bartenders included Dahlia Lyle, Evans Lyle and Ethel Thomas.

The "Blum Café" has a rich history. In the late 60's - early 70's, the Blum Café became the home of the Gypsy Angels. The book *I'll Take You There* by Matthew A. Donahue mentions them in reference to the history of Hine's Farm.

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Leon and Ida Barnett



Carolyn Freeny



Bob Cooper Jr. with wife Chinina



Pete Lyle with daughter Chinina Cooper



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Jemison, whose career as an educator began with Toledo Public Schools, brings 21 years experience to her new position. Jemison said that her experience as an educator for 21 years is not uncommon, but the richness of her diverse background is what's important.

"Having taught at TPS and experienced the dynamics of that district, then moving to Bedford for seven years which is a completely different demographic and now at Springfield which is so rich in diversity for seven years has enhanced my ability to deal with everybody and see different perspectives," she said.

Guests were treated to a buffet-style meal as heartfelt sentiments, well wishes and expressions of appreciation were offered from friends, family, colleagues. Close friend Robin Reeves served as mistress of ceremonies and music was provided by DJ Damage.



Shavon McClain and Patti Redfern



Mistress of Ceremonies Robin Reeves



Principal Jemison with family members, son Dallas, mother Mary Carter, son Dawson, uncle Ron Carter and sister Bonita Jemison

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He writes: "The highlight of the calendar was Motorcycle Sunday, when local bike chapters The Atomic Pirates and The Gypsy Angels would impress the crowds with acts of derring-do after a weekend-long bout of jollification which started with a Friday Night hog roast."

From the 70's until the 90's, Thomas "TC" Grisham manned the bar with the addition of Eva (Snodgrass) Lyle. In those days, the Blum co-founded the "Inner City Pool League" with many of the local black-owned bars, including the H&H, Jordan's, the A&G, the Eureka, the Shadowbox, the Savoy and Mil's. For many years, you could come to the Blum for a game of Bid Whist, Coon Cane, Dirty Hearts and Tunk.

Over the years, the Blum has been home to many, including: Ford, Jeep and Hydromatic Nights; The Alley Cats; the Inner City Car and Motorcycle Club and many bowling, pool and softball leagues.

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, the Toledo City Council unanimously voted to name the corner of Blum and Hoag "Pete Lyle, Jr. Corner".



Pete and Eva Lyle with family members



Travis Henton with James Snodgrass



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Pete and Eva Lyle (center) with daughter and son Chinina Cooper and Duane Snodgrass



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Truth Art Gallery Presents Terry Burton's "Art Slang"

The Truth Art gallery is pleased to announce "Art Slang", by artist Terry Burton. Burton captures the colors with a social intent that makes onlookers stop and look at society's state of being.

Please join The Truth Art gallery in celebrating a opening reception to recognize artist, Terry Burton's dynamic show held Sept 25, 2014 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.).

The artwork will be on display from Sept 25 through Oct.25 2014



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household expense? There are currently more families on fixed incomes, than I have seen in over 10 plus years of service. This means, after paying their rent, there is very little left over to handle setbacks. Guess what expense gets neglected first?

2) Do they have a plan for potential setbacks? Trust and believe one is certain to occur. This is probably one of the most important questions a landlord could ask. Receiving your rent every month will be determined by their answer. Unfortunately, many of our renters are willing to allow the landlord to assume they would be able to pay the rent every month. Their only focus is being approved and hoping your mercy will prevail in the case of a setback. Talk about trick!

What's even more vital to this housing problem, is the need to work together with both

landlords and tenants. There cannot be a better deal than having a third party working closely with you and your tenants to help assure that they maintain the resources needed to pay their rent on time every month.

Whether you call it a trick or just simply a strategy, it is Catholic Charities' mission to impact not only the need, but also the root cause of their problem. If you are a property manager or landlord facing difficulties receiving your rent each month, we would like to partner with you. Refer your new tenants or the ones you had to reject due to financial vulnerability.

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We will be letting you know how the voting turned out in our October 1 issue and what other readers had to say about various businesses!

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The Fashion Book by DK Publishing

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

There's never been a seat for you on the bandwagon.

When everybody was wearing skinny jeans, you put on your crinoline. When they were all into Daisy Dukes, you loved daisy print. You don't own leggings, jeggings, or fat boots, up-to-the-minute skirts or scarves. No, you've got a style all your own, which is why you need *The Fashion Book*.

At least four times a year (sometimes more), designers come out with new haute couture and magazines howl about must-haves. We're supposed to change the content of our closet every few months, then – but why?

To understand, you need to know the history of fashion.

You might think that women in long-ago times could just wear the same old robe ev-

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cised in bikinis.

Medieval men had it much better than their female counterparts: men donned lightweight tights, while women were stuck wearing four mandatory layers of clothing. If they looked pregnant, that was even better: the Black Plague killed a lot of people, and babies were "prized."

During the Renaissance, fashion started to stink. Seriously stink, because hygiene wasn't important to our 15th and 16th century ancestors. Furs were de rigueur because they were thought to re-route fleas and lice. Hair was rarely washed, baths were infrequent. Plus, with then-trendy skirts wider than most doorways, trying to reach the potty

ery day, right? No, all-the-rage Ancients took fashion seriously. Minoan women some 5,000 years ago used corsets. Greek girls demanded that their peplos were personalized and Roman women exer-

wasn't pretty.

You might think them crazy, but women in the late 1700s wore clothing that made their butts look big, *on purpose*.

Fashionistas on and off through the 1800s did that, too, and they sometimes changed clothes several times a day. But while butts were big then, shoes sported dozens of teensy buttons to fasten, which took time and probably made lots of women late. In the early 1800s, by the way, men wore corsets, too.

By the early 1900s, women were happy to turn to Hollywood for a new look. Sumptuous gowns caused undies to go smaller, push-up bras were invented, heels went higher, and glamour was golden. Practicality ruled the 1930s; Rosie the Riveter needed work clothes in the '40s; and in the 1950s, teenagers like you stepped into the fashion scene...

As a basic history of what we wore, *The Fashion Book* is exactly perfect.

There's just enough information in this book to get future clothing designers started on ideas, with bios on famous fashionistas and interviews with experts and students in various roles in the industry. Readers learn intriguing bits and pieces about ye olde clothing via illustrations and lighthearted sidebars that are easy to read, then we're taken even further with ideas for using old-fashioned fashions in new ways that won't bust a girl's budget.

There's no reason in the world that a grown-up can't enjoy this book, but it's really meant for young adults. If that's you and you're looking for new ways of stylin', *The Fashion Book* will suit you well.



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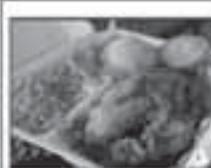
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Renovation Specialist

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for a Renovation Specialist position. For complete details and to apply, visit www.lucasmha.org. **Only online applications received at the above website by Friday, October 3, 2014 will be accepted.** Please note on your submittal if you are a LMHA Public Housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. This is a Section 3 covered position and HUD recipients are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS.**

Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY15-23, (Project # 5015-15-1814) for NWT - Lucas County Veterans Service Commission for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2014 Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$80.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from William Souders of Moody Nolan, Inc. at 614-461-4664. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 227, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$210,945.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$119,295.00; Fire Protection: \$9,400.00; HVAC: \$42,300.00 & Electrical: \$39,950.00.

SNOW PLOW OPERATORS WITH VEHICLES

The City of Toledo, Streets, Bridges & Harbor Division is interested in contracting with owners/operators of snow plow vehicles for plowing on residential streets during heavy snow conditions. All bids must be received by 3:30 PM October 24, 2014. For a copy of the bid proposals and specifications contact:

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Special Notice

RE: Examinations for Journeyman Wireman Applications for the Journeyman Inside Wireman test will be accepted October 6-10, 2014 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 8, 807 Lime City Road, Rossford, Ohio between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The qualifications to be eligible for this examination are:

1. Must be 18 years of age or over,
2. Must live in the jurisdiction of Local 8 for one year prior to application.
3. Must have proof of 4 years employment in the commercial/industrial electrical construction industry.

Job Posting

Position:

Youth Development Interns

Program Hours:

October 1, 2014-May 15, 2015 – Monday-Thursday, 3-6:30
May 31-July 31- Monday-Friday, 8-3pm

Program Location:

Old Orchard Elementary School

Qualifications:

1. Required High school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED), some college
2. One to three years experience working with children and adults (Preferred)
3. Initial and periodic physical exams required.
4. Must submit to initial and/or periodic state and/or federal criminal checks.
5. Ability to motivate others and work as part of an intergenerational team
6. Strong appreciation and understanding of individual cultural history and the willingness to be open and respectful of all cultures
7. Willingness to strive for excellence in all areas
8. Ability to think critically and analytically and exhibit positive attitude; model a mature and professional demeanor
9. Participate fully in National Training held May 31st to June 5th, 2015.

To Apply:

Request an application from Centerofhopefamily@gmail.com. Completed Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, September 19th, 2014 for consideration.

Employment Opportunity

Job Title: Servant Leader Intern

Summary: Assists with the daily activities of the CDF Freedom Schools summer and after school program, operating Monday through Thursday, 3:30-6:30 from October until May, and full day during the months of June and July. Interns will deliver the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools program, a nationally recognized cultural enrichment program. Duties include planning academic activities in core areas, providing recreational activities and assisting with field trips.

Education and Experience

Required High school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED), some college, and one to three years experience working with children and adults.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Assist in providing daily supervision of youths.
2. Assist in enforcing safety rules and procedures including scheduling and assisting with required drills.
3. Assist in coordinating classroom and recreational activities for students.
4. Assist with record keeping duties.
5. Assist in preparing and maintaining program materials.
6. Assist students with self-care activities.
7. Deliver the Integrated Reading Curriculum to a class of no more than ten students according to the standards developed by the Children's Defense Fund and the local program sponsor.
8. Set up and break down his/her classroom space, including securing and organizing the appropriate materials.
9. Collaborate with staff to establish and maintain a supportive and structured environment for the children entrusted to their care.
10. Serve as a *Harambee!* leader each day of program operation.
11. Serve as a leader of afternoon activities and other special events; chaperone field trips.
12. Participate fully in National Trainings held in the fall, and summer (May 31st to June 5th, 2015).

Additional Requirements:

1. Initial and periodic physical exams required.
2. Must submit to initial and/or periodic state and/or federal criminal checks.
3. Maintain or have graduated with at least a 2.0 G.P.A.
4. Solid commitment to children's advocacy and enthusiasm for the *Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools* program
5. Ability to motivate others and work as part of an intergenerational team
6. Strong appreciation and understanding of individual cultural history and the willingness to be open and respectful of all cultures
7. Willingness to strive for excellence in all areas
8. Ability to think critically and analytically and exhibit positive attitude; model a mature and professional demeanor
9. Excellent written and verbal skills

To be considered, request and submit applications at centerofhopefamily@sbcglobal.net. Completed applications must be returned no later than Monday, September 15th, 2014



Councilman Tyrone Riley Presents: Cool Summer Breeze Concert in the Park

By Carla Yvette

The Cool Summer Breeze Concert in the Park was held August 31 at the Ottawa Park Amphitheater, sponsored by Toledo City Councilman Tyrone Riley of District 1 and hosted by Kerry Emery.

Riley said the idea to have a concert came out of his love for his community and wanting to have a nice event for the underutilized amphitheater. Said Riley: "The amphitheater is a city jewel that we should take more

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Councilman Tyrone Riley with Host Kerry Emery



Andrew Scular with son Cameron



Rachel Jenning with Chastity Morgan



Brian and Stacy Rodgers



FUSION band members, Warren Johnson, Rob Hall, Jesse Duckworth, Jessica Mullins, Will Schuler, Terry Harris

TJMS Happy Hour Meet and Greet at Our Brother's Place

By Carla Yvette

Our Brother's Place sponsored and played host for the Tom Joyner Morning Show cast's Happy Hour Meet and Greet this past Monday, September 22. TJMS fans made their way to the "best spot" for the over 30 crowd anxiously awaiting the opportunity to meet Tom Joyner, Sybil Wilkes and J. Anthony Brown. The event was free and open to everyone with VIP passes and tickets sold for \$15 which allowed guests access to the upper room and an all you can eat, endless flow of hors d'oeuvres.

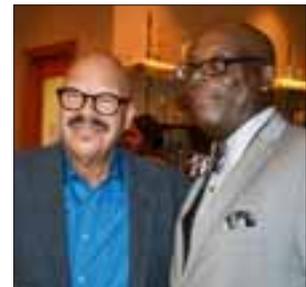
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J. Anthony Brown of the TJMS with Tina Butts and Suzette Cowell



Sybil Wilkes of the TJMS and Brenda Mack



Joyner and Micheal Alexander



Tom Joyner and fan