



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

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CKHA Staff Retire



Phoebe Whidby was employed on 8/13/84. She began working as a Clerk, and has held positions of Clerical Technician and Clerical Specialist in

the Leasing Office, Housing Manager and Housing Management Assistant during her tenure here. When she retired on 3/31/09 after 24-1/2 years of service to our agency, she was managing our Carroll Terrace development. Phoebe was well-known for her baking ability, but she was also a very dedicated and hard working employee. She will be truly missed by the residents and staff



David Naylor was employed on 3/10/86. He was hired as a Maintenance Technician I and later promoted to

Maintenance Specialist. David was very skilled in maintenance and was the lead person at Orchard Manor prior to his retirement. He retired on 3/31/09 with 23 years of service.



Tom Skees was employed on 10/27/86. He was hired as a Maintenance Technician I and later promoted to Maintenance Technician

II. Tom performed maintenance duties at various developments during his tenure here. He retired on 3/31/09 with 22-1/2 years of service.

We wish all of them a happy and healthy retirement.

Family Self-Sufficiency Programs Funded

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development awarded renewal funds to Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority for the public housing and housing choice voucher family self-sufficiency programs.

These funds are used to provide a program coordinator for each program to work directly with residents to connect them with local education and training opportunities; job placement organizations and local employers.

The purpose of the program is to develop creative strategies that link public assistance with public and private resources to enable participating families to increase earned income; reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance; and make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program requires residents to sign a contract outlining their goals and responsibilities for completion within a five-year period. Participating residents may earn an escrow account based on increased earned income. In order to graduate from the program, all participants must be free of welfare assistance and employed.

“As America prepares to meet the growing challenges brought on by rising unemployment, it helps to have a helping hand guide individuals to training and job opportunities in their community,” said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. “These grants will help public housing residents find employment or assist others who want to increase their earning power.”

To find out more about the public housing FSS program, contact Amy Lewis at 304-348-6451 ext. 307. For the Section 8 FSS program, contact Tammy Jones at 304-348-6451 ext. 380.

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