



THC - Housing Families, Transforming Lives

THC is a faith-based non-profit that will provide housing and comprehensive support services for more than 500 homeless and at-risk families in Washington, DC by the end of 2013.

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2013 Living in the City

Save the Date! Thursday, May 16, 2013

THC's annual Living in the City Benefit and Silent Auction will be held at The Washington Club on May 16, 2013 from 6:30-9:00 PM.

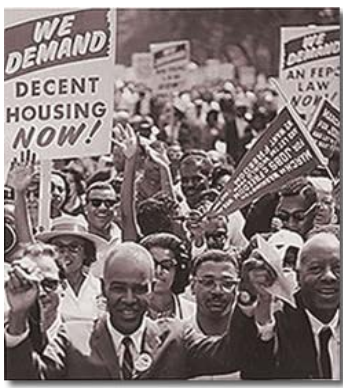


Join us in honoring community leaders and THC supporters like Councilmember Muriel Bowser (Ward 4) with the Community Leadership Award for her commitment to citizens, businesses, schools and non-profits of Ward 4.

For more info, please visit THC's website. For tickets, sponsorship, and silent auction donations, please contact Margaret Thaxton (mthaxton@thcdc.org).

Black History Month

Did you know...



...the week after MLK Jr.'s assassination, Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in 1968 which protects the buyer/renter of a home from seller/landlord discrimination.

Volunteer with THC!

Visit our website to learn about volunteer activities with THC youth and adults:

- Tutoring - NEW!
YEP Art Club
YEP Reading Club
YEP Garden Club
Adopt-an-Apartment Program
Volunteer Work Days
Special Events



New Annual Report



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Clients Certified in Customer Service

THC Launches New Job Training Course

THC's Employment Services department is dedicated to transforming lives by building our clients' skill-sets in order to be more marketable in today's work force. For Penny Smothers (age 42), who already has a long work history, THC's Employment Services training helped to enhance her skills with emphasis on what employers value most.

Born and raised in DC, Ms. Smothers and her 15-year-old son have been with THC for three years. She loves her home and says that her ability to focus on job training is a result of finally having stable housing. 'Everybody I've met at THC seems really nice and caring and enjoys what they do.' She signed up for THC's Customer Certification Course, '...to enhance my management skills and learn more in-depth retail and customer service skills.'



Developed by the National Retail Federation (NRF) Foundation, the course requires participants to attend two 5-hour sessions per week for four weeks. The four THC participants who are completing the course will take a 75-question assessment to receive the Certification in Customer Service which is an industry-driven and endorsed credential.

Emily Dannenberg, THC Education Coordinator, ran the training and says, 'Ms. Smothers has the best attendance and by sharing her past experience, she helps lead the group in learning valuable lessons.' Ms. Smothers plans to use her newly acquired skills in obtaining a position in the customer service field and would like to enter the corporate sector in a marketing or sales position. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity that THC has provided her and said, 'I thank God - for the people that he's put in my life here in the program.'

\$100 Million for Housing

Mayor Gray commits to Affordable Housing in his 2013 State of the District Address

On Saturday, January 26, more than 350 people rallied at the MLK Jr. Library in support of the Housing For All campaign - an effort led by CNHED that promotes affordable housing for all in Washington, D.C. Lead by THC's Polly Donaldson as Master of Ceremonies, Mayor Vincent Gray and Councilmembers Jack Evans (Ward 2) and Muriel Bowser (Ward 4) attended the event and spoke about the District's commitment to housing. The room was packed with residents and supporters who made it clear to the political leaders through the questions and speeches that affordable housing is a major concern for our city.



Check out the photos from the rally and the Mayor's video on YouTube. For more information about the Housing For All Campaign, please check out the blog. For more info, please contact Elizabeth Falcon (efalcon@cnhed.org) at 202-745-0902 x205.

On February 5, Mayor Vincent Gray delivered his 2013 State of the District address and announced his plan to preserve and develop 10,000 units of affordable housing with a commitment of \$100 million in the FY2014 DC budget. The crowd at the Sixth and I Synagogue responded with the first standing ovation of the night. It was a great success for housing advocates and the residents that we serve.

New Family at PA2

Home Furnished by Roumell Asset Management

Ms. Shelly Monroe and her 9-year-old daughter were more than grateful as they stepped into their new home at Partner Arms 2 on January 12, 2013. 'We thank God and THC for all of these blessings. Thank you!' New toys and two new purses were waiting for the daughter which brought a huge smile to her face as she entered her own room for the first time.



The week before move-in day, Jim Roumell (THC Board Member) took his staff (Roumell Asset Management) to Target to collect the home items for the Monroe family: bed sheets, linens, kitchen items, toiletries, a vacuum, and toys for the daughter.



On the morning of the move, Phil Hecht (THC Board Member since 1990) lent a hand in moving the large furniture from storage to PA2. Phil was part of the team that helped re-develop PA2 in 2003. What made this move-in day unique and extra special was that the Monroe family was available to help furnish the apartment with the volunteers. Ms. Monroe brought her daughter and father along as we all worked together in making the unit into a home.

