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Monthly Newsletter

Family Appreciation Dinner

To celebrate our hard working families, the THC Youth Services team hosted a Family Appreciation Dinner (FAD) on November 13th for families living in Partner Arms 1, 2 and 3. The evening festivities were held at Christ Lutheran Church with Baba-C, a griot storyteller, and a catered dinner. More than 50 people attended including clients, staff, volunteers and board members.



Led by Dedria Harrod (Youth Services Director), the *Youth Services* team is a part of THC's comprehensive supportive services for our families. Every family is assigned to one of four Youth Services Coordinators who addresses the

Happy Thanksgiving!



169 families were in need of Thanksgiving dinners this year and we received 169 dinners to provide for everyone! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

- All Souls Church, DC
- AllianceBernstein
- Brunswick Group
- DHCD (pictured above)
- Deliverance Temple
- Embassy Church
- Lockheed Martin
- Maia Dance
- St. Mark's, Fairland
- Well Community Church

educational, social, and emotional needs of youth clients by monitoring school attendance, providing educational resources, and more.

With the increase in families that THC serves, we have grown to a 6 person Youth Services team lead by Dedria Harrod. Domonique Hinson (Youth Enrichment Assistant) and Toni Haynes manage the Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) - they took the lead in planning the event, *"F.A.D is our way of recognizing that it takes effort from the entire family, parents and children, in order for the family to grow."*

Help the Homeless Program

Thank you to everyone who supported THC through the 2013 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Campaign. Each year, our Community Walk partners organize a mini-walk and recruit walkers to help further THC's mission through donations and raising awareness.



Special thanks to this year's partners: St. John's Episcopal Church (Norwood), The Kingsbury Center (pictured above) and the neighborhood of Takoma Park. On November 3rd, THC and Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington joined together in the **Moon Walk to End Homelessness**. The event included a moon bounce, haunted house, face painting, and a walk down 16th Street with signs and "Help the Homeless" chants.

Affordable Housing News

Last week, Mayor Gray announced the approval of funding for two THC developments: Renovations on Partner Arms 1 and THC's newest property, Delta Commons @ Benning Road.



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