

## **Choice Neighborhood Update**

September/October 2017

# CHOICE VISIONING RESULTS

On September 21, more than 100 people attended the Choice Neighborhood Visioning Event held at the Boys and Girls Club and provided feedback on what they want to see happen in their community. Participants visited six different stations and answered questions that included: where they would like to see community art; what a great neighborhood school looks like; what streets and locations in their neighborhood are commonly used; and what new housing should look like.

At one station, residents were asked what they would want the rest of the city to know about West

Dayton, DeSoto Bass, and Hilltop Homes. The majority of residents who responded were focused on the sense of community that they experience, saying that, "great people live in these neighborhoods," and that "it's home!"

A complete summary of the Choice Visioning Party will be posted on our website by Oct 31.

www.choiceneighborhooddayton.com



#### What makes a great neighborhood school?

Here are some of the most popular answers from residents.



Art, music, and dance



After school programs



Parent involvement

Community participation





When asked what makes a good community, common responses included respect, after school programs, and no littering. Most people agreed that it's important for community members to build strong relationships with each other.

### PARTNER HIGHLIGHT:

#### TRIUNE DEVELOPMENT

This month we would like to highlight community partner **Triune Development**, led by Mr. Darryl Bennett. Triune Development has become a staple in the GDPM community as a partner of Resident Services initiatives, including the Family Self-Sufficiency program, Jobs Plus program, and Choice Neighborhoods. Through Triune Development, Mr. Bennett and his team have provided numerous skill development workshops on healthy living, finances, and professionalism, and facilitated the well-received "Men's Talk, Keeping it 100" session.

To learn more about Triune Development and other resources available to help you overcome barriers and achieve self-sufficiency: Please stop by the Community Resource Center located at the DeSoto Bass 904 Building or call (937) 875-1749.

# CITY OF DAYTON NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ACCELERATOR MEETING

Do you have a neighborhood business? The Accelerate Dayton program is looking for one entrepreneur from each quadrant of the city to receive up to \$10,000 in consulting services to help grow your business! Come to a meeting on October 7th from 10-11:30 am at the Madden Hills Library (meeting room) to learn more.

## **NEWS FROM**

The Jobs Plus program at Greater Dayton Premier Management (now in its second quarter) is off to a fast start making an impact in the DeSoto Bass and



Hilltop communities. The program, which seeks to increase earnings and employment opportunities for residents, has 63 members to date. Of those members, 38 (60%) are employed and taking advantage of the *JobsPlus Earned Income Disregard* which allows a resident to obtain employment without the addition of new income increasing the monthly rent amount. When combined with the 207 referrals to community partners thus far, this program is creating a powerful movement in West Dayton.

#### October Events at the 904 Building

**Oct** 9<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> The S.O.A.R. program starts on Oct 9 and will run until Oct 26 on M-Th from 9-4.

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**Oct 7**<sup>th</sup>, **14**<sup>th</sup>, **21**<sup>st</sup>, **28**<sup>th</sup> AWAKEN Training, every Saturday from 4-6 pm.



Stay informed about Choice Neighborhoods. Check out our Facebook page! "Like us" and get regular updates!

https://www.facebook.com/choiceneighborhooddayton

Need community service hours? Come join us on Oct 14 from 12-2 pm for a Madden Hills Neighborhood Clean-up.

Contact Caitlin Jacob at 853-2561.

#### PRIORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Southwest Priority Board

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Where: Call for location at 937-333-7381 Innerwest Priority Board

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 6:30 p.m.

Where: InnerWest Priority Board Building 1024 W. Third Northwest Priority Board

When: 4th Wednesday 6:30 pm

Where: Northwest Recreation Center 1600 Princeton

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If you have any questions about the grant or are looking for ways to become more involved please contact Amy Clanton at 853.2537 or aclanton@citywidedev.com

