



Centers for New Horizons Spring 2011 Newsletter

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**CENTERS FOR NEW
HORIZONS ANNOUNCES
ITS WEEK OF THE YOUNG
CHILD INITIATIVE**



Centers for New Horizons will celebrate the "Week of the Young Child" April 11-15, 2011. Celebrity and corporate

Month/Year

Greetings!

UNGANISHA (connectivity) is a key component of the Centers for New Horizons Strategic Plan for 2011-2015. Our staff and volunteers have participated and led initiatives that help us grow our relationships in the communities we serve. Please read further about our most recent endeavors. We welcome your involvement! Asante' Sana!

Centers for New Horizons and Save-A-Lot Partnership

Centers participates in 5 Store Opening Celebration

volunteers will be reading to the children in our Early Care and Education Centers. To inquire about the volunteer criteria, please contact Emile Blaine.



Healthy children grow up to be healthy adults. Healthy adults help our communities prosper. Help bring community awareness to the issue of childhood obesity among Bronzeville children by participating in

**WALK BRONZEVILLE
"Reducing Childhood
Obesity, One Step at a
Time"
Friday, April 15, 2011**

Register now by contacting Ramona James, Health and Wellness Director at Centers for New Horizons.

This program is funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



**SPACES ARE STILL OPEN
IN OUR EARLY CARE AND
EDUCATION PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN
AGES 3-5 Years**

For more information about our program or to schedule a tour of one of our three facilities, call Centers for New Horizons.



"Five new stores! Today is a great day!", exclaimed Founder and CEO, Dr. Sokoni Karanja, at the Save-A-Lot store opening celebration held on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Save-A-Lot opened five new stores, all on the Southside of Chicago, IL. Centers for New Horizons aided the company in finding employees to serve as Save-A-Lot staff associates by conducting a successful hiring initiative through its Workforce Development program. Attending the event were Aldermen Michelle Harris and Latasha Thomas, a representative from Illinois State Representative Ken Dunkin's office and City of Chicago Mayor Elect, Rahm Emanuel.

Centers for New Horizons (CNH/Centers) began its relationship with Save-A-Lot three years ago. Ron Daly, Centers for New Horizons' Civic Board member and member of the SuperValu Board of Directors, convened a meeting with the senior leadership of both entities to discuss food desert issues in Chicago. Dr. Karanja and Bill Shaner, President and CEO of Save-A-Lot agreed that a partnership should occur between Centers and Save-A-Lot that would bring healthy fresh and frozen food options to the residents of Bronzeville and an educational program to teach children and their parents how to prepare healthy meals and snacks.

In response, Centers for New Horizons developed the "Healthy Horizons" program, funded by Bright Promises Foundation, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and Save-A-Lot. The program began as a pilot in Centers' Early Care and Education program site, Effie Ellis Center. Cooking demonstrations were conducted by Centers' chefs during parent involvement meetings. Save-A-Lot provided the food for the demonstrations. In 2010, the program was moved to Bronzeville elementary schools, Well Prep and Drake Elementary School, to help address school aged obesity.



**BRONZEVILLE ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY GARDENS**

The Bronzeville Alliance will have its first planting of the season for this year's gardens on Monday, April 4, 2011.

The Bronzeville Alliance Community Gardens are a part of our community building activities. All community residents are welcome to participate the Bronzeville Alliance and its meetings. For more information, contact Johnnie Owens, Community Organizer.

The community building program is funded by a grant from the Marguerite Casey Foundation.

CENTERS FOR NEW HORIZONS IS ASKED TO SERVE AS A HUB FOR THE STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ILLINOIS PROGRAM

Centers for New Horizons will serve as the training ground for parents and other organizations on the South side of Chicago to keep families strong and children safe. This includes building six protective factors:

1. Parent Resilience
2. Social Connections
3. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

These schools are still partners today.

Today, Save-A-Lot has expanded its support to the operations of Centers for New Horizons. It is helping Centers for New Horizons achieve its mission - to help families achieve self reliance, to improve the quality of their lives and participate in the rebuilding of their community. Save-A-Lot has helped the community find jobs, helped seniors have fresh fruits and vegetables and provided a low cost option for families who are looking for fresh food options in their neighborhood.



Pictured above from left to right are:
Emile Blaine, Director of Corporate and External Affairs, CNH
Ramona James, Health and Wellness Director, CNH
Marshall Douglas, Human Resources Director, CNH
Craig Herkert, President and CEO, SuperValu
Dr. Sokoni Karanja, Founder, President and CEO, CNH
Bill Shaner, President and CEO, Save-A-Lot
Andre' Kellum, Workforce Development Director, CNH
Lucinda Perry, Community and Government Relations, Save-A-Lot

Workforce Development Success Story

Parris Kidd - hired by Centers for New Horizons as Support Staff in the Work Force Development Program in January 2011.

Mr. Kidd had been working with his Family Works Housing Case Manager, Tamysa Brown for over a year. Although he worked as an apprentice for a plumbing company, he continued to

4. Concrete Support in Times of Need
5. Social and Emotional Competence of Children and
6. Healthy Parent-Child Relationships

Ms. Valerie Terrell will lead this initiative at Centers in partnership with Strengthening Families Illinois. A roll out program is being developed.



**SAVE THE DATE
BRONZEVILLE YOUTH
SUMMIT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

For more information about the Youth Summit, contact Malik Wornam, Youth Organizer.

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seek opportunities that would help him to prepare for his future. Despite a family tragedy during the Summer and Fall of 2010, he participated in the "Put Illinois To Work" transitional jobs program. He was given the opportunity to work at the Centers for New Horizons working under the supervision on the Work Force Development Program Manager. Impressed by his professionalism, willingness to learn and ability to catch on quickly when the opportunity arose, Mr. Kidd was offered a permanent position as Workforce Development Support staff member. His current role is to lend basic technical support in the computer lab to the clients of the WFD department to help them improve, enhance and achieve their employment and training goals. Kudos to Mr. Kidd!

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When you do, you**

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Bronzeville™*

Centers for New Horizons

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Our new website is almost complete! Check out our progress at

www.cnh.org

Save
the
Date

**Traces Gala: Celebrating Paths of Success
Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

Celebrating the path of

Mr. Randall Hampton

Board Chairman Emeritus, Centers for New Horizons Retired
Senior Vice President, LaSalle Bank

Hyatt Regency Chicago

Pre-Reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Event ends at or before 8:30 p.m.

Ticket reservations, sponsorship and tables are available now for purchase. We accept American Express, Visa, Master Card, Discover and Pay Pal payments. Contact the External Affairs Department at (773) 373-5700 to make your reservations.