

The Horizon

On October 1, 1971,
Centers for New Horizons began its journey of Strengthening Families &
Building Communities through self-reliance. (kujitegumea).
Happy Birthday "Centers"



Youth and Family Development—United Way/ComEd Kick Off @ Wendell Phillips High School

On Thursday, September 14, 2006 Youth and Family Development (YFD) of Centers for New Horizons welcomed the 2006 United Way Day of Caring Kick Off Campaign at Wendell Phillips High School.

Organized by Director/staff of YFD: Scott Witherspoon, Barry Riley, Patrice Allen, Walter Hooks and Eugenia Olison, nearly 100 students of Wendell Phillips HS spent an educational afternoon with Chairman/CEO of ComEd & 2006 United Way Campaign Chair, Frank Clark along with Washington, Pittman & McKeever Managing Principal and 2006 United Way Board Chair, Lester McKeever.

The day's agenda consisted of interactive discussions about leadership, academic achievement, and what it takes to beat the odds.

"As corporate citizens, we are responsible for inspiring our young people and investing in their growth and potential," said Clark, who grew up on Chicago's South Side and began his ComEd rise to Chairman and CEO from the Mailroom.

"United Way is the most effective way to ensure that the entire network of services that help people achieve self-sufficiency are available across the region, including programs that address the educational development of our youth."

Mr. McKeever, a Phillips graduate, urged the students to remain true to themselves and their aspirations despite the difficulties they may encounter along the way. He also reminded them how they are already steps ahead of other youth who aren't involved in after-school business & entrepreneurship programs organized and directed by organizations like Youth and Family Development of Centers for New Horizons.

The Phillips service day featured Clark, McKeever and executives from ComEd and parent company, Exelon corporation, in small group mentoring discussions with Phillips students.



Dr. Karanja addressing the students at Wendell Phillips HS. United Way Day of Caring Kick Off September 14, 2006



Scott Witherspoon, Director of Youth and Family Development— Frank Clark- Chairman/ CEO ComEd discussing with students of Wendell Phillips HS the importance of working hard and being ready for opportunities in life.

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Safe Sex Campaign Youth and Family Development

The Safe Sex Campaign/Mapping summer work program (started by students from Mikva Challenge) kicked off on Thursday July 6, 2006 and ended Friday August 31, 2006. Two teams comprised this campaign. Six youth development students developed a public education campaign to discourage their peers from unsafe sex, as well as focusing on developing an infomercial.

These youth workers outreached to the Bronzeville area by successfully completing 216 surveys that targeted youth ages 13-21 on topics concerning Safe Sex Knowledge.

Youth workers created and developed display boards depicting the names and pictures of the 7 most popular STDs among teens.

Students from various local high schools participated in the campaign via being interviewed by the campaign organizers. Student organizers even interviewed a nurse from Mercy Hospital.

The youth also participated in the "End of Summer Event" held at Kennedy King College, sponsored by Gov. Blagojevich's Summer Works Program. Students had the opportunity to interact with other students as well as with Dr. Carol L. Adams, Secretary Illinois Department of Human Services. The "End of Summer Works Program" ended with recognition and awards to each student who completed the program.

Teen Reach Coordinator—Safe Sex Campaign Director Ms. Patrice Allen





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CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. CYNTHIA CLAY—
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ON HER
CERTIFICATION IN FUND RAISING
MANAGEMENT—THE CENTER ON
PHILANTHROPY AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ANDREW WARD—
SERVICE CONNECTOR.
MR. WARD WAS PROMOTED FROM CASE
MANAGER TO **LEAD CASE MANAGER** IN UNDER
3MTHS.
CASE MANAGER JUNE 19, 2006
LEAD CASE MANAGER SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

WAY TO GO MS. CLAY AND MR. WARD!!!

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Centers for New Horizons, affectionately referred to as "Centers" has played a vital role in the transformation of Bronzeville. For the past 35 years it has provided a holistic approach to community development centered on the strengthening of families. The results of Centers work has been a burgeoning of energy and momentum to ensure that this historic African American community, known for producing legendary cultural, academic, entrepreneurial and sports heroes, continues to nurture the brilliance that has been part of its legacy as it encounters new challenges and opportunities linked to its renewal.

Centers is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

CNH is the largest social service agency headquartered in Bronzeville and one of the largest private employers in the communities it serves. Most of the staff live in the south side communities we serve.

Marking Our 35th Year of Working with the Community... Centers has:

- Educated over 20,000 young children
 - Encouraged thousands of youth to stay in and achieve in school.
 - Provided community leadership that generated over \$500 MM in capital investment in Bronzeville
 - Supported the employment of thousands of parents, directly employed hundreds of community residents either as part of our staff or through job programs
 - Supported hundreds of fragile families and seniors
 - Spun-off a dozen new nonprofits to expand opportunities for resident leadership and demonstrating the capacity of extremely low income people to organize for their own empowerment
- Provided vision and support to citywide coalitions to improve our public schools, ameliorate poverty, increase the supply and the quality of early childhood education, and provide quality affordable housing for low income families

Bronzeville Service Connector—Author in the House!

Ms. Donna Presswood,—proud mother of three (one deceased) and grandmother of two has taken the steps in her life to be self sufficient and self reliant by publishing a book entitled: *Two Playful Spooks*.

ABOUT THE BOOK::

Ted and Tippy are twins. Ted is an outgoing, good boy, while Tippy loves adventure—and mischief. Her pranks grow bolder and crueler, until one day she goes too far. Thrown from a horse, the two become ghosts, and Ted finally gets to be the bossy one. But what are they to do now? Then the twins' family moves away, and the unhappy pair find another spook living in their house!

Blackie looks much like themselves, but dark. And he doesn't like the twins invading his world,

Tippy laments her mistakes and swears she'd be a good girl if only she could do it over. Will the twins ever find their parents? Will Blackie have a change of heart and help the twins? Can they all get a second chance?



Ms. Presswood with her publication: *Two Playful Spooks*..

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(Ms. Burgess has been Ms. Presswood's case worker since March 2006.)