

### March of Dimes:

CHA partners to walk in the "March for Healthy Babies" Campaign. We give hope to more than half a million babies born premature each year. The money we raise supports programs in our community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. We've been walking since 1999 and raised \$25 thousand to benefit all babies.

### Mommy and Me

Mommy & Me and Sometimes Daddy 2 is a great way for children, ages 1-4 years old, to enjoy quality time with their parents and sibling while learning social skills, self-esteem & cognitive development. The "Success By Six (6)" Program shows effective stimulation of these skills during a child's first four (4) years reap lifelong benefits. Children interact with other children in their age group while having fun learning cooperation, following directions, sharing and taking turns. Children learn through play. All classes are ninety (90) minutes of fun-filled activities. Class times are divided into four (4) twenty (20) minute sessions.

### Netbooks

CHA honors one hundred (100), 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students residing in public housing, presenting each of them with a HP Mini 110 Netbook computer and twelve (12) months of free internet service. The students in receipt of the computers excelled academically. They were on the Principal's List (93 average or above) or the A/B honor roll (average of 90 - 92). Our Agency takes education seriously; and we believe our children are a worthwhile investment.

### Resident Advisory Board & Meeting:

Resident Advisory Board consists of residents who provide input on key issues and planning. They oversee the Resident Association Board. The board meets every month at 4:30 pm at 550 Meeting Street.

### Resident Association & Meetings:

Consist of residents and selected officers from individual communities to advocate to make communities better.

Wraggborough Homes- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
Meeting Street Manor/CRC -3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Gadsden Green -3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Robert Mills Manor -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
Kiawah Homes -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

\* All meetings are held in the community centers, time may vary check with your office.

### Turning Point Support Group:

Every Tuesday 4:30 pm - 6:00pm

A mental health program for women designed to strengthen individuals and families by offering support, group and individual counseling. A licensed psychologist facilitates these sessions. Please call your program specialist to enroll in the group.

### Senior Food Pantry:

The mission of the Senior Food Pantry is to make a difference in the lives of seniors by assisting them with food.

### Vita Tax Services:

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers from various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in local communities.



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### **After School Tutoring:**

Monday-Thursday 3:30pm -5:30pm

Sarah Green Community Center partners with Cadets of The Citadel Military College to provide after school tutoring for children residing in Gadsden Green. They assist with reading and computer skills.

### **Blood Drive:**

CHA hosts blood drives with the American Red Cross to gain goodwill from our communities by building morale & camaraderie for staff and residents to work together for a good cause. One of the greatest gifts we can give is saving someone's life.

### **Community Festivals:**

**June –August**

The focus of the festivals is to promote community safety awareness among families living in our communities. Our goal is to provide residents with information on resources available in the community to assist families in maintaining a safe, healthy lifestyle. The festivals allow residents the opportunity to ask questions and receive information regarding everyday issues.

### **Cultural Events:**

Our primary responsibility is to develop the residents' interest in the areas of the arts, history, and other cultural affairs. Adults and children visit the ballet, art museum and a variety of tours.

### **Elderly Support Program/Wise Council:**

Senior residents are provided an opportunity to socialize, participate in arts & crafts, bowling, field trips, swimming and other social events and activities. This group meets weekly and is open to all residents 55 and older or disabled.

### **Family Self-Sufficiency:**

Public Housing residents discuss ways to become independent from governmental assistance. Unemployed persons achieve economic independence from government assistance programs by coordinating services from the private and public sectors. These services will aid participants in obtaining education, training, job search skills and employment. Workshops and seminars on life skills, vocational skills and job skills are offered.

### **G.E.D.:**

In corporation with Trident Literacy, allows residents the opportunity to obtain their GED to better prepare for the job market. Classes offered twice a week for 2 hours.

### **G.O.T. Class:**

Designed to help individuals Get On Track (G.O.T.). This class helps with resume writing, job search, interview skills and dressing for success. The class meets weekly and transportation is provided.

### **Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**

#### **Meetings:**

Meet 4th Tuesday of the month. Open to staff, residents and public.

### **Jake's Music:**

Jake's Music is a nonprofit charitable organization established by Jake Savage's family to honor his brief life, his music and his lyrics. The Foundation is currently providing support to CHA. They promote the social and educational development of economically-challenged young people through the creative outlet of music. Young musicians are supported in composition, performance, recording, music technology and exposure to musical events.

### **Let's Talk:**

An informal discussion about everyday issues related to parenting, relationships, school and etc. This group is open to all residents needing support, encouragement or just someone to talk to. So, Let's Talk!

### **Movie Night:**

Time-out for the parents to have a few hours to themselves and allow their children to have fun with their friends in a safe and fun filled environment.

### **Summer Camp:**

Offered from June to August for children ages 6 through 14. Kids continue their educational quest through creative writing, journaling, attending field trips, arts & crafts, foreign language, drama, music and swimming.

### **Summer Feeding Program:**

Provides healthy meals to children ages 1-18 during the summer months.