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Helping Avondale Homes Shine

A year ago, several homes near the intersection of Hearne and Wilson Avenues in Avondale sat empty, slowly deteriorating.

"Hearne used to be one of the most beautiful streets in Avondale," said Ozie Davis, longtime Avondale resident and president of Ozie Davis and Associates Consulting Firm.

Cincinnati Children's hired Davis as a project manager for an on-going investment plan to identify properties in Avondale for major renovations. The properties will be made available for rent this year.

"This is just one part of our overall plan to improve the Avondale community," said Steve Davis, Chief Operating Officer at Cincinnati Children's. "We're committed to the redevelopment

of the neighborhood and working with our Avondale partners and community organizations to improve area housing."

The properties, located in the 200 block of Hearne and the 3400 block of Wilson, include four multi-family homes and one single family home, ranging from two to four bedrooms.

Minority contractors RWB Properties and Construction and RJB Acquisitions were hired to lead the renovations.

"We took the original house and made all new updates," said Rodrigo Williams, President and CEO of RWB Properties & Construction. "We installed brand new flooring, cabinets, countertops, appliances, furnace and air conditioning and all new electrical."

The renovated properties feature a neutral gray color with white base and trim. When possible, construction crews tried to keep the original character including the hardwood floors.

"One hundred percent of the work has been done by minority contractors," said DeBron Betts with RJB Acquisitions. "We worked closely with them on each individual project from electrical to plumbing."

"This is top flight work by some of the best minority contractors in the city," said Ozie Davis.

The rental prices reflect market rate from \$700 for a one bedroom apartment up to \$1300 for a single family home.

Karen White with Lee-Associates will be the property manager.

If you would like more information about the properties, you can contact Karen at 513-832-2493 or email her at kwhite@lee-associates.com.

Food Pantry Opens in Cincinnati Children's Pediatric Clinic

Cincinnati Children's Pediatric Primary Care Center (PPCC) has opened a new food pantry to help its patients and families experiencing food insecurity.

The pantry is located in the PPCC, which is on the second floor of the Medical Office Building at 3430 Burnet Avenue in Avondale.

"About one-third of our primary care families experience food insecurity," said Melissa Klein, MD, Professor in the Division of General and Community Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's. "Families come here for health care, and we want to help address other important needs, such as food access. The pantry has allowed us to link families to both in-clinic and community resources such as psychology, community health workers, legal aid and job training resources."

The FreeStore Foodbank's Bob Edwards Feed a Child Fund has been a generous donor. In addition, the Christ Cathedral Church and Kroger have been generous supporters of the PPCC pantry.

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One Stop Workshop: Connect to Cincinnati Children's Job Bank

On April 9 job seekers had the opportunity to engage with recruiters to learn more about open positions at Cincinnati Children's, including Call Center Agent, Emergency Service Representative, Health Unit Coordinator, Patient Care Assistant and Patient Escort. A record crowd of 141 turned out for the event hosted by Cincinnati Children's Community Relations.

Ebony Radkey attended the workshop, "I really think this is great, it's been informational. They answered all of our questions even before we could ask them. The workshop outlined the process from beginning to end."

Job seekers have the opportunity to connect directly with Human Resources specialists to get tips on how to create a resume that gets attention. Workshop participants also get an inside view of the hiring process at the hospital. This is the sixth One-Stop workshop hosted by Cincinnati Children's since 2017.

The next workshop is set for Tuesday, August 20 at Vernon Manor from 5:30 – 7 pm. It will focus more on professional positions within the hospital. **For more information, call 513-636-9327 or email cchmconestopworkshop.splashthat.com.**



One Stop Workshop held on April 9 at Cincinnati Children's, Vernon Manor.

Building Together Block Party



Put it on your calendar, mark it down!

Join us for the Building Together Block Party at Harvey Park, 3480 Harvey Ave, on Saturday, May 18 from 12 – 3 pm. Cincinnati Children's is teaming up with Messer Construction and community partners such as South Avondale School, The Community Builders, the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati and most importantly YOU our neighbors in Avondale.

Free food, giveaways, a DJ and lots of family fun. Don't miss out. **For more information, call 513-636-9327.**



Avondale Health Fair

Save it on your calendar.

The Avondale Health Fair is set for Saturday, August 10 from 10 am – 1 pm at South Avondale School. Family fun, health screenings, information and prizes. **For more information, call 513-636-9327.**

We want your ideas!

Are there stories you would like to see in this newsletter? **Please let us know!**



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Career Insights: Connecting Job Seekers with Opportunities

The Urban League of Greater Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's are teaming up to recruit local candidates for entry level and professional opportunities through Career Insights. In its third year, the program has helped connect participants with jobs in the health care industry. The recent class of 14 graduated on Saturday, March 30.

Graduate T'Niyah Pates was interviewed for open positions at Cincinnati Children's. She says of the program, "it was a growth experience and a stepping stone for me. I gained knowledge about health care jobs and career building skills that will help me along the way. I'm thankful for everyone that was a part of Career Insights. I learned something valuable from everyone including my classmates."

The interviews were the culmination of five sessions held in March at the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's where participants learned: successful strategies for resume writing, interview skills and professionalism in the healthcare system. So far, 73% of Career Insight participants have

received offers or been hired since the start of the program.

Candidates are recruited by the Urban League and then introduced to the team at Cincinnati Children's. The sessions are highly interactive and focused on providing useful tips to help you get the job you want.

The next Career Insights class is scheduled for the Fall of 2019. For more information, contact the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati at 513-281-9955.



L to R: Career Insights class at the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati in Avondale. Charla Weiss of Cincinnati Children's leads Career Insights participants in class session. T'Niyah Pates, Career Insights participant is interviewed by Phillip Strong.

