

Union Academy Family Center ... **CAP** ture the Inside Edition

Operated by: Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc.



FREE

6-week Session

June 17th - July 26th

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Free After-Camp Activities Available)

Parents are you looking for an activity to keep your kids' bodies and minds active during school vacation? We have a rewarding program designed to help your child(ren) retain their learned knowledge through the summer months. Our Summer Enrichment Camp (SEC) is instructed by certified teachers, serving students in grades K-6.



Tax Season was here!

The mission of the VITA/TCE return preparation programs is to assist eligible taxpayers in satisfying their tax responsibilities by providing free tax return preparation. To establish the greatest degree of public trust, volunteers are required to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct and provide quality service. All VITA/TCE volunteers completed the Volunteer Standards of Conduct Training prior to working at a VITA/TCE site. Union Academy Family Center was a VITA/TCE site. For tax year 2012, Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. volunteers prepared 160 accepted/e-filed tax returns. A Special Thanks to Carmen Wilson, Program Director for CAP, Inc., who served for 9 years as a IRS Certified Tax Preparer from 2003 - 2012 and a Consultant for the 2013 tax season.



"Building a Better Community, One Student at a Time!"

Participants will be administered an academic assessment and a individualized progress plan to monitor their improvement at the end of the summer. From **FREE** field trips to a new enrichment curriculum; we are excited to service our community with its educational needs and to prepare our students for the upcoming school year. Be sure to register your child(ren) early, as the spaces are limited and filling up fast!

For more information, Please Call

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The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Covering the Needs of the Entire Community"



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What's Happening?

Easter Egg Hunt



Plastic eggs were in high demand at the Union Academy Family Center as we held our annual

Easter Egg hunt on March 29th. Many children from the surrounding neighborhood participated in hopes of finding eggs filled with candy or other goodies.

Although, the Easter bunny wasn't able to make it the kids hopped out in style as the D.J. played their favorite tunes. Featuring a V.I.P. Room for Youth Development Participants, the youth were excited to enjoy an "All You Can Eat" buffet filled with hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings and various other party foods. The event was a huge success. We are looking forward to a bigger hunt next year!



Dictionary Project

Students are learning new words and dictionary skills through the Dictionary Project. The objective is to enhance students' reading and writing skills in addition to increasing their vocabulary. Students who are able to define the assigned words and use them properly in a sentence are given a dictionary. Dictionaries were awarded to Deyante Fowler, Deja Hardy, Amara Jackson, Jahteyra Mosley, Sanai Lee, Marcus Frye, Christina Daniels, Durisia Fleming, Arthur Price, Adam Hardy and Jamari Saldana for their efforts. More dictionaries are expected to be awarded in the upcoming weeks since students are being encouraged to participate and earn a dictionary before the school year ends.

April is National Poetry Month

In recognition of National Poetry Month, students in the after school program are learning about various types of poems and reading the work of famous poets such as Eloise Greenfield, Nikki Giovanni, Langston Hughes and Shel Silverstein. Students are also writing their own poems as an ongoing activity for the month. To celebrate their hard work and creativity, students will have the opportunity to recite their poems and have them displayed on the bulletin board.

Sports Section

7 on 7 Flag Football

The 2013 7v7 Flag Football Tournament registration is underway. The CAP Youth Development team, in partnership with the City of Tarpon Springs Recreation Department has embarked on a crusade to transform youth through team sports. This year, we are proud to announce that youth ages 5–17 years old have the opportunity to participate. Boys and girls will be drafted following a skill assessment. The skill assessment is being held on Monday, April 22nd at Dorsett Park. Teams will play every Monday at Dorsett Park in the Tarpon Springs ~ Union Academy Neighborhood. Games start at 6pm. If you are interested in Coaching, please contact Shannon Lee at (727) 934-5881 ext. 20.



Tennis Lessons

Did you know that Private Tennis Lessons can cost close to \$150 per hour? That is why, we are delighted to provide our youth with FREE TENNIS LESSONS.



In partnership with, Julie Pantan a Certified Tennis Professional and Founding President of Global Community Tennis Association Inc.; lessons are provided on site for youth ages 5-12 years old. We are on a quest to spark an interest in the game of tennis with the next generation; providing the opportunity to learn basic tennis skills while also improving their health, mind and body. Lessons are held on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Benita Jackson at (727) 934-5881 ext. 17 for more information

Covering the needs...

Spring Breaking it with Seniors

We recognize the elderly have a wealth of knowledge to impart to the young. In sharing their wisdom and knowledge with kids, seniors might feel a renewed purpose, freedom from boredom or increased vitality. Therefore, in partnership with Neighborly Senior Care we hosted our very first "Intergenerational Camp" during the Spring Break vacation. Young and Old alike spent time playing board games, cards, singing songs and sharing the joys of life. Our goal was to boost the mind, spirit and attitude of not only our senior diners but with the younger generation. We are looking forward to continuing to build stronger relationships cross generationally. As George Washington Carver once stated, How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.



The Benefits of an Intergenerational Program in the Community

***Strengthens Community ~ Maximizes Human Resources ~ Maximizes Financial Resources
Expands Services ~ Encourages Cultural Exchange ~ Inspires Collaboration***

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in our Intergenerational Program ,
Contact: Carmen Wilson at (727)934-5881 Ext. 12 or carmenawilson@verizon.net

Family Support Services



We are pleased to announce the launch our New Resource Closet. We recognize that families, from time to time, are in need of assistance to provide for the well-being of their families. Through our limited resources, we are excited

to present families with a closet full of the basic necessities for life. This closet is open for all Family Support Participant. Stop by the resource office and inquire about how you can become eligible to participate.

**The Family Support
Resource Office is open**

**Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

We look forward to serving your needs...

Family Night Out

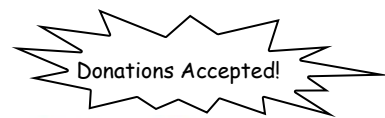
Join us Every Fourth Tuesday of the month for "Family Night Out"; to network and gain awareness of community related issues through presentations and workshops. This event is **FREE** and **DINNER** is served.

CAP's sole Mission is to deliver community-based services and partner with other service providers to empower and support individuals and families to foster their personal growth and development.

Community Baby Shower

A Community Baby Shower is being held on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. We welcome all Expectant Mothers and Mothers of young infants (under the age of 1); as we partner with neighboring providers to host a celebration of new life. We are looking forward to teaching young women the importance of good pre-natal care, informing them of local resources and helping to ensure their baby is off to a healthy start. This will not only be educational but its going to be tons of FUN!

The event is **FREE** , lunch will be served and every Mother who attends will receive a baby starter kit. Door prizes, diaper giveaways and games are just a few of the excited activities we have planned. If you would like to attend , reserve your spot no later than May 10th by calling, Julianna Day (727) 934-5881 ext. 18.



Dear Friend of the Community:

An exciting project is about to transform the Union Academy Neighborhood! With the help of the non-profit organization KaBOOM! and the **TAMPA BAY RAYS™**, we are working together to build a brand new playground.

This is a community effort supported by Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. , Board of Directors and Staff, surrounding community residents and others. Imagine, more than 200 volunteers building a new playground for kids and families in our community to play and get active together!

We are expecting to build in the Fall of 2013. To achieve this community vision, we are seeking monetary donations to meet our organizations contribution. Your support will be an essential part of bringing this project to life. Upon receipt of your donation we will send a confirmation of your contribution. As we progress, you will receive updates about the Playground Project and build date.

We are proud of our inspiring donors and invite you to visit our website to get a more in-depth look at the programs and services we offer.

Citizens Alliance for Progress Board Members, Staff and Stakeholders want to thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Donations can be mailed to:

Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc.

401 East Martin Luther King Jr. Drive ~ Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

Sincerely,
David O. Archie
Executive Director



For more information, watch the video link below:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_X8q5CyqJ2I

or visit us on the web



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