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BRIAN'S NEWSLETTER



*From the Desk of
Brian M. Gage*

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

This past summer the Board of Trustees of the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority offered me the opportunity to become the Executive Director of the agency. I first met Tony O'Leary over 15 years ago and have always thought highly of him and the staff at AMHA. My first months here have confirmed that it was an excellent decision to come home to Northeast Ohio.

I committed to public service immediately after graduating from Cleveland State University working at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Cleveland and Washington, D.C. offices. I moved to work for the Houston Housing Authority Executive team and now am coming full circle back home to Ohio.

READ MORE AT akronhousing.org/brian

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TRUNK OR TREATS!

This year AMHA hosted eight Trunk or Treats at Bon Sue, Valley View, Summit Lake, Colonial Hills, Pinewood Gardens, Van Buren, Joy Park and Honey Locust! This year property managers took more of a lead and held wonderful events for their residents! It was very exciting to see many returning partners and many new partners join AMHA at these events and as always the children and families had a great time! Huge shout out to all those who helped with and attended the events! Looking forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come!

LEARN MORE AT akronhousing.org/trunkortreat



STONEY POINTÉ COMMONS

Stoney Pointe Commons adds housing for Akron's most vulnerable population.

The demand for affordable housing in the community is a difficult void to fill and with increased regulation and decreased funding, AMHA relies on the private industry to help fill those voids through the development and management of new properties. Fortunately for Akron, this void became a little smaller with the addition of Stoney Pointe Commons, a 68-unit apartment community specially designed with the needs of the chronically homeless and those suffering with debilitating mental health disorders.

LEARN MORE AT akronhousing.org/StoneyPointe



MARCO SOMMERVILLE

Effective at the end of June 2018, City of Akron Mayor Daniel Horrigan appointed Marco Sommerville to fill the vacancy on the AMHA Board left by the retirement of Leonard Foster. AMHA welcomes Marco to the board and is grateful to have his extensive experience, advocacy and long-term commitment to the Akron community as part of the housing authority's governing body.

Marco Sommerville has been a public servant and business owner for more than a quarter of a century.

LEARN MORE AT
akronhousing.org/Marco



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REACH HIGHER SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN SURPASSES HALF WAY MARK



Thank you to everyone that helped make the 3rd Annual Reach Higher Breakfast a success! We had 250 guests that enjoyed a warm welcome from Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and State Representative Emilia Sykes. Duane Crabbs, founder of South Street Ministries delivered a moving keynote

address centered around 'Building Community' and Dr. Leslie Barnes founder and Executive Director of YEPAW (Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop) moved everyone to tears with a closing vocal performance. Guests were able to bid on our amazing centerpieces that included a custom canvas painted by Reach Center members. We are just shy of our \$40,000 goal for the event, currently at \$37,500. To donate, visit our web page, amhabft.org/donate. For more photos and featured video of the Reach Opportunity Center, follow us on Facebook at ReachAkron.



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