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## BRIAN'S NEWSLETTER - SPRING SUCCESS



*From the Desk of  
Brian M. Gage*

### SPRING SUCCESS

We shared a full summer with our AMHA communities and sent our children off to school prepared and ready to make brighter futures for themselves and their families. Most important was the graduation of 62 children in our SPARK program who are now fully equipped and ready to succeed as they enter kindergarten. My staff spent months working with parents in the home to

ensure they would be successful in their first year of Kindergarten. With the older children we were able to combat the summer slide by sending them to various summer camps to keep them busy and learning. The Reach Opportunity Center has really sprouted after its 5th anniversary this summer, there was never a slow moment through the summer with kids and families moving, learning and playing in that space...

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### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The residents at Edgewood Village, Akron Police Officers and AMHA staff led by Bill Liska, Brenna Herman and Jennifer Kollar have joined together to create a safer community. They have held multiple meetings, including a National Night Out event on August 6th to learn more about each other. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances...

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### PCs FOR PEOPLE

On Wednesday, July 17th and Wednesday, August 11th, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) and PCs for People welcomed over 120 residents to special device distribution events at the AMHA central office in downtown Akron. Of those attending, around 80 low-income individuals received desktop computers, laptop computers, and wireless internet hotspots. The events are the most recent effort through AMHA's ConnectHome Akron initiative, which has been working to connect residents with life-changing access to digital technology...

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The SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) program provides a kindergarten readiness advantage for families with preschool-age children (three- and four-year-olds). The program is open to all and is now accepting registration! For more information or to register, contact Tiffany at [tknox@akronhousing.org](mailto:tknox@akronhousing.org) or 330-376-9695.

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