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BRIAN'S NEWSLETTER



*From the Desk of
Brian M. Gage*

DECADE OF HOPE

As we close out this year, I look back on the challenges that we faced and am encouraged for the future outlook of Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority in the next decade. This year HUD mandated that our inspections were conducted within 14 days of notice, and even though this disrupted our schedules, as an agency our properties scored well, many increasing their

scores for physical condition. HUD has asked us to evaluate our housing stock for repositioning, and we dove in headfirst into the analysis, which will continue through 2020. We have applied for new opportunities, for Summit Lake, for new Housing Choice Voucher assistance, for Moving to Work innovations, for early childhood interventions, and for self-sufficiency resources for families...

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IRAQ VISITORS

AMHA welcomed Iraq delegates in early November as participants of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) sponsored by the U.S Department of State. The IVLP is designed to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through carefully designed visits that reflect the participants' professional interest and support U.S. foreign policy goals. The arrangements were made through Global Ties Akron, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that links local and international communities by building...

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MAINSTREAM PROGRAM

On Monday, November 25th, Pamela Ashby, Cleveland Field Office Director for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) presented Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) with a \$484,580 award to create a new housing voucher program (Mainstream Program) that will assist 80 families struggling to find housing due to a disability. The award was announced at a press conference at the REACH Opportunity Center at Summit Lake. In attendance at the event were Senator Vernon Sykes, and representatives...

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FIRE SAFETY CONTEST

The HAI Group, a public and affordable housing insurance company, sponsored a fire safety poster contest themed, “Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape.” AMHA had 13 kids participate including a couple non-AMHA kids as well! Three winners were selected from three age groups: 6-9 yrs., 10-14 yrs., and 15-18 yrs.

AMHA had a total of seven winners!

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