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## BRIAN'S NEWSLETTER



*From the Desk of  
Brian M. Gage*

### VOTE AND BE COUNTED

This is a very important year for our country as we start a Decennial Census 2020 count, and start the process to elect a President and vote on members of the United States House of Representatives. Please remember to be counted in the Census and spread the word of how important it is for the future of Akron and ensuring that we get our adequate share of federal funding.

The Count will not affect anyone's status on AMHA programs, AMHA will not have access to the census data, everyone living in your house should be counted. Also please register to vote as soon as possible, your vote matters and we need as much participation from all families and eligible voters to get our voices heard....

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## THE CHILDREN'S CENTER AT VALLEY VIEW

The Children's Center at Valley View officially opened its doors to 11 students on February 3rd. The new preschool, housed in the AMHA building at Valley View, is off to a terrific start! Currently CCVV is serving 3 to 5 year-old students in a blended classroom environment. A play-based, individualized learning approach has been implemented to ensure each child's individual needs are assessed and met. The children have become fast friends and have been diving into art and science focused projects...

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## FSS GRADUATE PERSEVERES, GRADUATES WITH OVER \$20,000 IN ESCROW!

On Friday, February 14th, AMHA Resident and Family Self Sufficiency Program Client, Shirley Brittingham graduated from the program after six years of setting goals and overcoming barriers. During her five and a half years in the FSS program, Brittingham overcame a house fire, a job transfer to Cleveland, and a car accident, all while raising three children. Ultimately, she increased her earnings of \$54,744/year to a total household income of \$70,848/year. After graduation, Brittingham plans to continue pursuing promotions at her job and return to Nursing School...

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## Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority Awarded \$2,300,000 HUD Jobs Plus Program Grant to Help Summit Lake Public Housing Residents Become Economically Empowered.

On Friday, February 14, 2020, The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) became one of nine public housing agencies in the country to be awarded the prestigious Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Jobs Plus Program grant. AMHA will receive \$2,300,000 to help public housing families at Summit Lake increase their earned income and become self-sufficient...

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## Respond your way to the 2020 Census.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding. All of them are easy!



The 2020 Census marks the first time you will be invited to respond online—even on your mobile device. The online form is available in many different languages. Visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](http://2020CENSUS.GOV) for more information about responding online.

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