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Every year, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) holds a poster contest for children with the theme of “What Home Means to Me.” The contest is a collaborative effort of NAHRO’s chapter/state, regional, and national organizations.

AMHA is excited to announce that 18 youth at Pinewood Gardens submitted poster entries to our local/state chapter for initial judging, and six were selected as state winners:

- Shamya Kemp – Middle
- Na’Shya Kemp – Middle
- Ma’Kayla Trimble – Middle
- Shantieliz Capeles – Elementary
- Jayda Scovil – Elementary
- Kamya Lewis – Elementary

Congratulations to our six winners, and a special thank you to our partner Ms. D for making this a project during her Made By Kids, Inc. after school program at Pinewood.

The six winning posters will be submitted to the regional council, who will select three winners in April and forward those on to the national competition in Washington, DC. NAHRO National Council will pick 13 national winners, who will be announced during Housing America Month in October. Good luck to our six contestants as they move on to the Regional level of the competition!

Leaven Lenses Project (LPP) is now accepting applications! LLP is a FREE six-week summer program designed to teach residents of Akron the basic fundamentals of photography.

Requirements:
- Must be at least 12 years old
- Must live in the City of Akron
- Must be willing to learn new and creative things
- Must have parental consent if under 18
- Must submit to a background check if over 18
- Must commit to attending ALL Classes

Class Times: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm
Class Dates: June 18-August 1 (With the week of July 4 OFF)
To join, contact Kendra by calling 330-252-9271 to schedule an interview. To see the application and more information, Click Here, or visit Resident Services’ Facebook page.

Click the Links below or visit the Resident Services Facebook page to see job descriptions in the area.

- City of Akron—Lifeguard
- Summit Co. Intake Caseworker
- Summit Co. Registered Nurse
- My Brother’s Keeper—AmeriCorps VISTA

In March and April, University of Akron Students began Wellness Wednesday and Thursday programs with seniors in select AMHA buildings.

Mark your calendar for this Fall when students will return to Keys, Sutliff, Nimmer, Lauer, Edgewood, Belcher, and Saferstein I for wellness programming.