

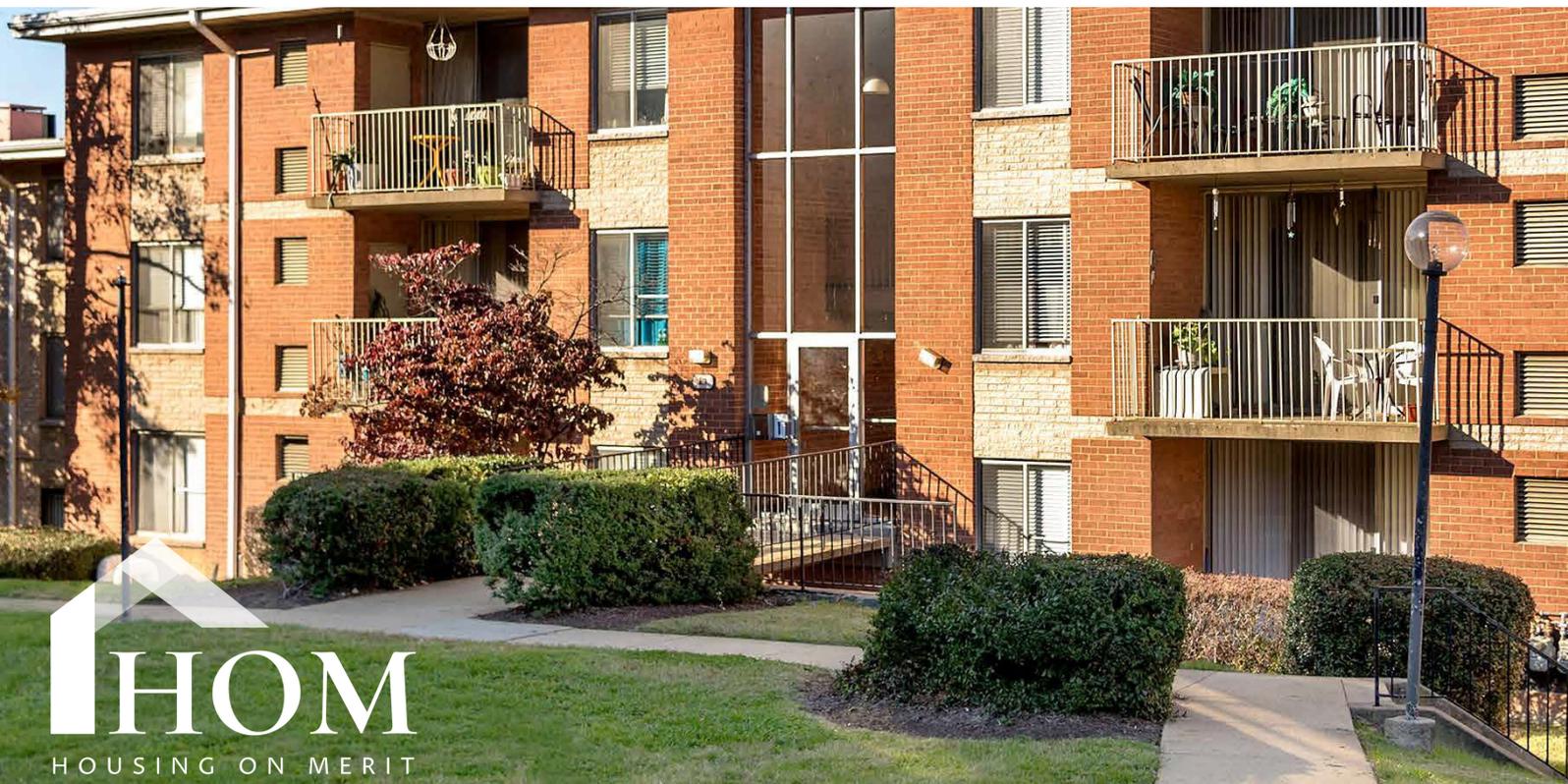
JULY 2017

# FORT CHAPLIN PARK APARTMENTS

RESIDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

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Resident Services in July continued its concentration on youth and family services, and connecting residents to health and employment resources.

Residents at Fort Chaplin have continued to express interest in positive engagement for youth along with career and employment possibilities for adults and seniors.

Based on this feedback, Housing On Merit established key partnerships with community organizations in July to offer:

- An expanded focus for the Youth Summer Camp
- A Career and Health Fair
- An Arts for Young Families Program

# Youth Summer Camp

Our Youth Summer Camp at Fort Chaplin continues to make great progress.

The camp offers youth a wide array of activities; in July students learned about:

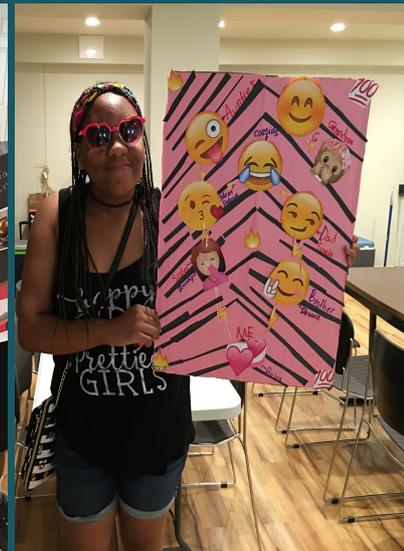
**Abstract Art:** this lesson plan taught students what abstract art is and how it is different from other forms of art. The students then created abstract self portraits to put what they learned to use. This lesson aims at teaching art appreciation

**Genealogy:** students learned the definition of genealogy and how to trace their own personal family histories. Each student created a family tree along with a family motto. They learned the importance of personal histories and indenty.

**Recycling:** many students, while have a basic understanding of what recycling is, don't recycle at home or know how to. This lesson taught students that recycling has a direct impact on our environment and how changing our recycling habits can have positive effects for our community. Using their knowledge of recycling, students learned how to use plastic bottles as planters.

In partnership with The First Tee, HOM organized a day to expose children in the program to golf. The First Tee offers all youth a chance to learn golf through free classes and equipment.

HOM continues to offer summer meals to youth through our partnership with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. Summer meals tackle the issue of hunger and access to nutritious food during out of school time.





## Career & Health Fair

In July, HOM organized a Career and Health Fair as part of our quarter 3 focus on employment and financial stability. Residents learned how they can engage in various community organizations to meet their employment and health needs. Organizations tabling at the event included:

**American Job Center:** a one-stop center offers job-seekers access to a comprehensive array of employment-related services and tools in one convenient location.

**Byte Back:** provides computer training and career preparation to under-served Washington, DC metro area residents.

**DC Central Kitchen:** offers a culinary job training program to prepare adults facing high barriers to employment for careers in the food service industry.

**Breathe DC:** fights all forms of lung cancer, especially in communities with health disparities.

**Office of the People's Counsel:** assists seniors in accessing resources to meet financial needs related to utility bills.

**Metropolitan Police Department:** offers a cadet program to prepare youth for a career in law enforcement.



## Arts for Young Families Program

HOM has partnered with Project Create DC to bring their arts for Young Families Program to Fort Chaplin.

Young parents are more likely to face physical and mental issues, and struggle with education and employment. Children born to young parents facing these issues often experience difficulty acquiring cognitive and language skills as well as social and emotional skills.

The Arts for Young Families program allows children to develop verbal and literacy skills, improve motor skills, and engage in sensory exploration. Through active co-participation, parents facilitate discovery, initiate creativity, build confidence, and encourage positive risk-taking.

The program offers weekly workshops for eight weeks.

