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RIO VISTA APARTMENTS

RESIDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT



Center for Academic Achievement

- Housing on Merit (HOM) After School program continues to be well attended.
- Girls Who Code club launches!

Center for Growth & Empowerment

- HOM held its Annual Halloween Celebration for residents in collaboration with AMC Property Management!

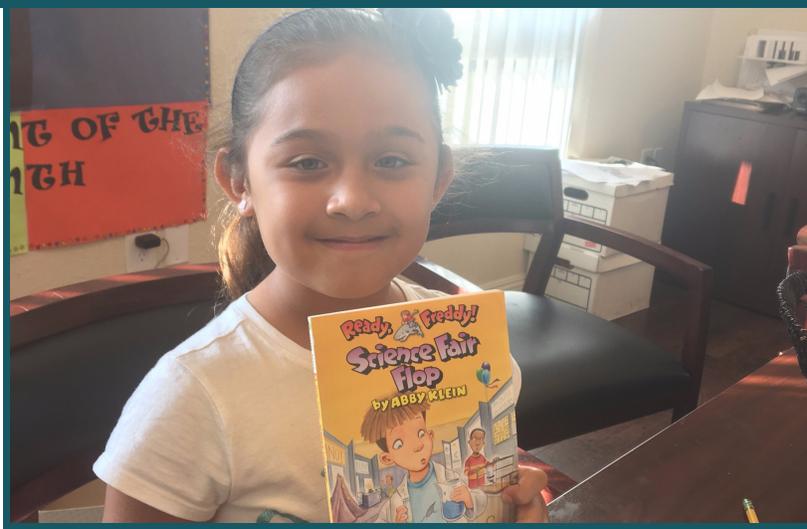
Center for Health & Wellness

- HOM continues to partner with the San Ysidro Health Center (SYHC) to provide the Mobile Health Clinic to Rio Vista residents once a month.
- Rio Vista's pumpkin patch continues to grow!

After School Program Update

The After School program enrollment and participation remains consistent. There are currently 23 participants enrolled, with a daily average attendance of 12-15 young residents. Learning Center Assistant Ingrid Murillo stated that several program participants continue to improve academically, based on recent test scores and reports from teachers and parents. Our young residents are engaged in a fall reading challenge and several have already exceeded their personal goal of reading at least one book per week.

In addition, in October we started what will surely be a popular After School Program event—monthly birthday celebrations for program participants! Participants and several parents joined in the fun and enjoyed cake.



Girls Who Code Info Session

We held our first informational session for the Girls Who Code Club at Rio Vista. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization that invites 6th-12th grade girls to explore coding in a fun and friendly environment! Three young residents attended the informational session. The club is facilitated by volunteer Nate Wrye, who brings with him experience as an aerospace engineer at Northrup. Nate shared how he learned to code in an after-school program when he was in high school, and he hopes to "give back" similarly to youth in the San Diego community. The session consisted of a fun icebreaker activity, exploration of the online curriculum, review of GWC guiding principles, and a brainstorm session for a capstone project. Participants expressed interest in creating the code for a game or storybook. HOM looks forward to expanding the GWC club and inspiring Rio Vista girls to be the next generation of leaders in the tech industry!





Halloween Celebration

We held our Annual Halloween Celebration at Rio Vista in collaboration with AMC property management. This was a wonderful event that allowed residents to get better acquainted and enjoy family fun. Eighteen residents participated in the celebration, most of whom were young residents dressed in costume. One of the highlights of this event was the costume contest. Resident Services Coordinator Gabriela Arias judged the contest for best overall costume, most creative costume, scariest costume and funniest costume. Winners were awarded prizes such as colorful school supplies and art supply sets. All residents enjoyed pizza, arts and crafts.

In November Housing on Merit will host a Thanksgiving potluck in partnership with our new community partner Nestor United Methodist Church. HOM also thanks the Good Neighbor Center at Nestor United Methodist Church for their generous donation of fifteen Thanksgiving food baskets to be distributed to Rio Vista families.





Medical Mobile Clinic

The San Ysidro Health Center's Medical Mobile Clinic continues to provide our residents with on-site medical services. Ten residents, including four children, were seen for services in October. Many of Rio Vista's residents face barriers to quality and affordable healthcare, such as access to transportation. HOM thanks SYHC for connecting Rio Vista residents with monthly high quality services on site!

Gardening Update

After School program participants continue to tend to their assigned pumpkin patch plot and chart the weekly growth and needs for each of the mounds in the patch. Our young residents were excited to see three little pumpkins sprout in October, and to share their presentations about community gardening with members of the Rio Vista community. Several children spoke about their experiences working on a team and how they appreciate the process that goes into growing food. The Community Garden also continues to foster inter-generational bonds at Rio Vista. HOM looks forward to offering more inter-generational programming and increasing social support for our senior residents.

