

NOVEMBER 2017

# RIO VISTA APARTMENTS

RESIDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT



## Center for Academic Achievement

- After School Program Update
- Girls Who Code Club continues to grow

## Center for Growth & Empowerment

- HOM partnered with Metro Community Ministries and the Nestor United Methodist Church to provide a Thanksgiving food package giveaway to Rio Vista families!

## Center for Health & Wellness

- Feeding San Diego CalFresh Update

## After School Program Update

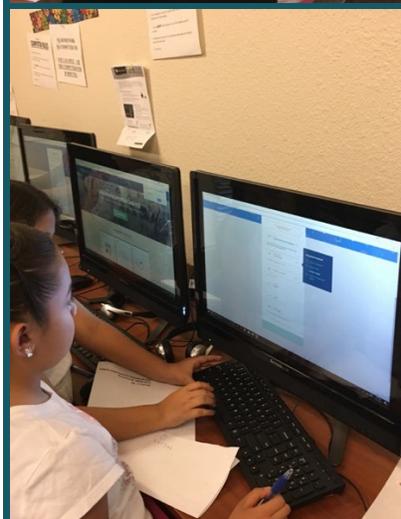
The After School program enrollment and participation remains consistent. There are currently 23 participants enrolled, with a daily average attendance of 12-15 young residents. Learning Center Assistant Ingrid Murillo is pleased to report that students continue to improve academically and have shown enthusiasm about HOM's recent focus on STEM activities. As a result, Ms. Murillo has incorporated science lessons and computer instruction into the daily schedule. In addition, HOM will continue to provide innovative STEM-based curriculum and activities to youth at Rio Vista through our community partnerships.

After School participants are also gearing up for the holiday season by decorating the Learning Center with their festive art, and all are excited for the upcoming holiday party in December! In addition, 37 Rio Vista families signed up for our Annual Toys for Tots toy giveaway.



## Girls Who Code - Second Info Session

Housing on Merit held our second informational session for the Girls Who Code Club at Rio Vista, and four young residents attended. Girls who Code is a national non-profit organization that invites 6th-12th grade girls to explore coding in a fun and friendly environment. Club Facilitator Nate Wrye helped participants create their own GWC account and led a lively discussion about how coding impacts everyday life. The girls were eager to discuss practical everyday applications of coding. Mr. Wrye shared with the group his professional experience at Northrup Grumman, and the girls asked several questions about the field of aerospace engineering and were excited to learn about the role of coding in the operation of military aircrafts. The session concluded with the girls sharing what they learned on that day and reading through GWC principles.





## Thanksgiving Giveaway & CalFresh Update

Housing on Merit hosted a resident potluck and Thanksgiving food giveaway for residents in partnership with Metro Community Ministries and Nestor United Methodist Church. Through this new partnership, HOM provided 15 Rio Vista families with a Thanksgiving food package. Many of our Rio Vista families face food insecurity daily, so recipients were happy to receive a nutritious holiday meal. HOM thanks Metro Community Ministries and Nestor United Methodist Church for organizing this Thanksgiving giveaway and for their support of our residents during this holiday season!

Housing on Merit held a CalFresh workshop in partnership with Feeding San Diego, during which one resident was signed up for benefits. CalFresh (formerly known as "food stamps") provides low income individuals and families with food assistance. Starting in December, Feeding San Diego has offered to schedule a monthly conference call with Rio Vista residents, during which Feeding San Diego interns will offer individualized telephone benefit eligibility screening and lead a group Q&A session. The conference calls will be offered in English and Spanish.

