



## From the Director

Hopefully as you read this newsletter, our long, cold winter has ended. In spite of the harsh weather, we held a number of events and activities this past winter that benefitted our residents, including financial literacy workshops, health screenings, and even a health resource fair.



So now let's look forward to spring; a time in nature for growth and excitement. The next few months is a time for new programs, initiatives and opportunity at the Gary Housing Authority (GHA) as well. As noted in this publication, a summer camp for youth to learn about artificial intelligence is great way for our younger residents to hone their skills on everything from playing video games to social media, to a potential career in Information Technology. We are transforming the first floor of Genesis Tower into the Emerging EnVision Center, and launching a partnership called 360 Cradle to Careers. You can learn about all of these new programs and initiatives in this newsletter.

The progress that you see in making GHA a great place to live is due to the dedication and hard work of our staff, and this month's newsletter profiles Judy Nava, Property Manager of Concord Village.

As you can see, there is a lot of growth and excitement at GHA as we continue to work to upgrade our facilities and the services that we provide to you; the reason why we exist.

*Julian Marsh, Executive Director*

## Gary Housing Authority Contacts

### Family Developments

Dorie Miller /East Point/Miller Heights	219-881-6452
Delaney Community	219-882-2912
Concord Village	219-949-1213
Broadway Manor	219-882-6000

### High-rise Sites

Genesis Towers (for 62 years of age and up)	219-881-6412
Carolyn B. Mosby (for 50 years of age and up)	219-882-0300
Al Thomas (for 55 years of age and up)	219-882-6000
Glen Park (for 55 years of age and up)	219-981-2833

*Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm*

### Central Office

219 883-0387

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## Youth Summer Camp to Reveal the Secrets of an AI World!

Computers are already involved in our daily lives, and the reliance and interaction with computers will continue to grow in the future. Here are just a few of many "futuristic-sounding" interactions with computers that already exist today:

- The ability to play games against computers at an expert level.
- Programs such as Snapchat and Facebook that use face recognition software to recognize individual in uploaded photos.
- Home devices such as *Apple Siri*, *Amazon Alexa* and *Google Home* that can answer questions and conduct internet searches by responding to verbal commands.
- Websites such as *Amazon*, *Netflix* and *YouTube* that make recommendations to users based on past preferences.
- The continuing testing and perfection of self-driving cars.

These are examples of what is known as Artificial Intelligence or AI.

If computers interest your youth, then the **Purdue University Northwest** Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) Summer Camp being held in conjunction with Gary Housing authority is a must! Attendees will learn about current and future applications of AI in a fun, game-formatted environment.

The camp will be held **July 8-19, 2019**, from **9am-3:30pm, Monday through Friday** at the Purdue University Northwest Hammond Cam-pus. **For more information, contact your Gary Housing Authority Property Manager or go to : [www.facebook.com/OfficialGaryHousingAuthority/](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialGaryHousingAuthority/).**

## Emerging EnVision Center Planned for Gary Housing Authority

Renovation is underway on the first floor of Genesis Tower which will host the GHA's **Emerging EnVision Center**. The Center will provide communities with a centralized hub for support in the following four pillars: Economic Empowerment, Educational Advancement, Health and Wellness, and Character and Leadership. This new initiative demonstrates GHA's commitment to enrich and enhance the lives of residents; preparing them for future success and opportunity. The facility is scheduled to open in early May. **For more information, you can contact Jose Ibarra, Resident Services Coordinator at 219-881-5098.**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> GHA Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday- GHA Closed
- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> GHA Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day- GHA Closed

## Getting to Know Judy Nava



Judy Nava is the Property Manager at Concord Village. Judy, a single parent of a son, and the owner of a dog named Ty, and a cat named Max, is an example that each of us are life-long learners. "I earned my Bachelor of Science degree after age 40; it is a personal accomplishment as well as an inspiration to others that we are never too old to learn," stated Judy. Her job is another example of that continuous learning process.

Judy is a seasoned professional in housing, beginning her career in 2011 as an inventory clerk at another housing authority. Motivated to learn more and help others, she continued to advance, and joined Gary Housing Authority on October 31, 2016. Judy's first assignment with GHA was at the Al Thomas High-Rise and has worked at other GHA developments before overseeing Concord Village. "I really enjoy my job and the ability to help others," stated Judy. "I look forward to the many changes and opportunities that are underway at Gary Housing Authority; the future is very bright and exciting. Each day is something new and full of experiences to learn from." In her free time, she enjoys watching her son play baseball, reading, and spending time with her pets and family.

## Collaboration Underway on STEM

GHA is working to collaborate with **360 Cradle to Careers**, a not for profit organization whose mission is to work in partnership with multiple stakeholders by building human capital of individuals living in public and affordable housing and transforming their built environment to advance educational opportunities for residents.



360 Cradle to Careers started its model, with a multi-city approach, in five (5) pilot areas Spring Valley, NY., Beaumont/Port Arthur, TX., Gary, IN., Henderson, NC., and Hampton/Newport News, VA. Additionally, there has been talks to establish a regional partnership to include neighboring Housing Authorities (East Chicago, Michigan City and South Bend).

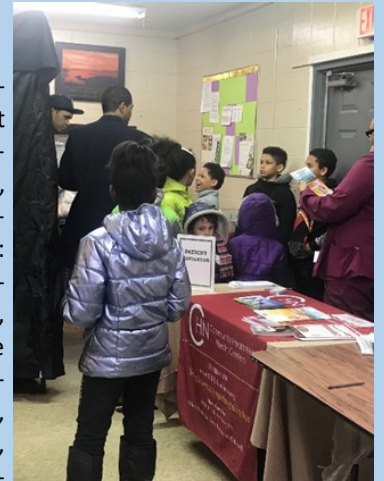
Known as STEM Innovation Networks, the platform is used to create a positive impact in communities by improving the quality of life for youth and families by inspiring, exciting, and engaging students living in public and affordable housing communities in the challenging fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Students are provided with a competitive edge in their education and ability to compete for technology and science focused jobs of the future.

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## Events Aid Personal Health

During the past several months, GHA held a number of events that focused on personal and financial health:

- Indiana University's Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center hosted workshops at Dorie Miller and Concord about the Human papillomavirus (HPV). Attending families were provided a Walmart gift cards and food. There was also a photo-booth and arts & crafts for kids/teens.
- RSC Home Healthcare and United Rehab Providers hosted Health Screenings at Al Thomas and Carolyn Mosby High-Rises.
- About 30 residents attended a Health Resource Fair at Genesis Towers, coordinated by Oak Street Health, and featuring 10 participating agencies, including: the Social Security Administration, Vyto's Pharmacy, Humana Health, RCS Home Health, Gary Health Department, Aliveness Project, NWI Community Action, City of Gary Fire Department and Caregiver Homes.



The aforementioned events are just the latest examples of an ongoing commitment of GHA to provide residents with access to quality health services.

## Financial Literacy Workshop Held

More than 41 million Americans, or 2 in every 5 individuals have been victimized by identity theft, an unfortunate, but growing trend.

Gary Housing Authority partnered with Peoples Bank & the Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance to host financial literacy workshops focusing on identity theft at Genesis Tower and Glen Park high-Rise.

