

HOME MATTERS

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*Those we love...
don't go away.
they walk beside us
every day.
Unseen unheard,
but always near,
still loved,
still missed
and forever dear.*

In Memoriam

In memory of Grace Lena Frasier, affectionately known as 'Mother Grace', departed this life peacefully on November 8, 2017 at the age of 99. Grace was the oldest living resident of Georgetown Housing Authority. She had been a resident of GHA since November 10, 1988. As well as an excellent resident, Grace was a kindhearted, loving and caring person, who was always willing to help someone. She will surely be missed by everyone.



~Unknown



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Make GHA Part of Your New Year's Resolutions

- Pay rent and charges on time.
- Make repayment agreements when they are due.
- Pass inspections.
- Keep your yard free of trash and unsightly items.
- Come in for appointments.
- Attend Resident Council monthly meetings and other activities.

Starting in January, every Public Housing resident can earn Tickets to Success for an opportunity to win great prizes for you and your family throughout the year. A house drop box will be located in the lobby for entries, and at the end of each month a winner will be drawn. In December 2018, we'll announce a grand prize winner!

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READY,

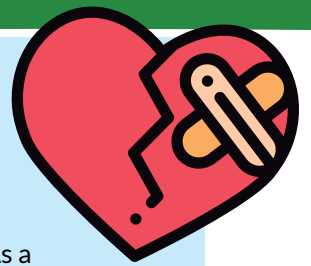


SET,



SUCCEED!

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



We can use this month to raise awareness about teen dating violence and take action towards a solution, both at home and in our communities. You can make a difference by encouraging schools, community-based organizations, parents and teens to come together to prevent teen dating violence. As a parent, discuss with your teenage child the danger of being in an unhealthy relationship.

FACT: 1 in 10 teens have been physically abused by someone they've dated.

FACT: 22% of women and 15% of men first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

What is Dating Abuse?

Dating abuse (also known as dating violence, intimate partner violence, or relationship abuse) is a pattern of abusive behaviors – usually a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time – used to exert power and control over a dating partner.

Every relationship is different but the things that unhealthy and abusive relationships have in common are issues of power and control. Violent words and actions are tools an abusive partner uses to gain and maintain power and control over their partner. Dating Violence can be both physical and emotional.

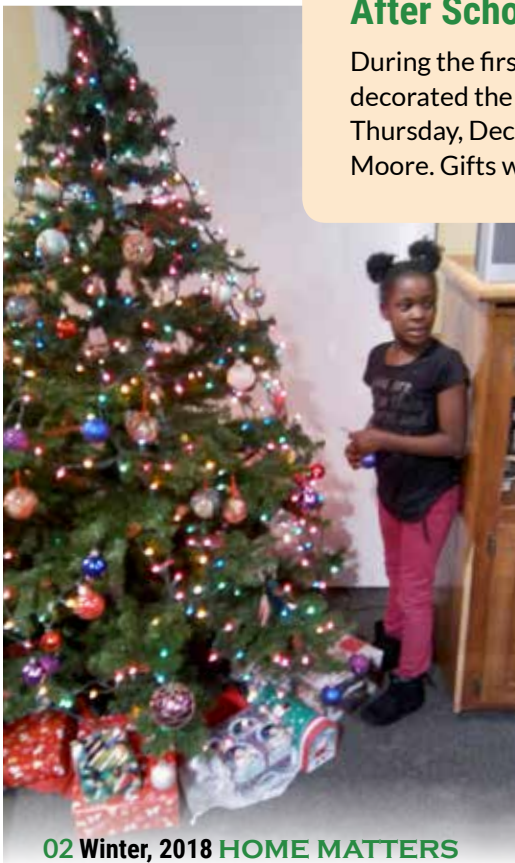
If you think your relationship is unhealthy, it is important to think about your safety now. There is no excuse for abuse of any kind. Consider these points as you move forward.:

- Connect with your support systems. Talk to your friends, family members, teachers and others to make sure you are getting the emotional support you need.
- Think about breaking up. Remember that you deserve to feel safe and accepted in your relationship.
- Help is always available by calling 866-331-9474.



After School Program

During the first week of December, the After School Program children decorated the tree in the Community Room. Their Christmas party was held on Thursday, December 14th, with food and refreshments provided by Miss Kathie Moore. Gifts were donated by "Angel Tree" and delivered by the Georgetown Police Department.



A Day of Remembrance & Celebration

The 5th annual Veteran's Day celebration was a huge success despite the rain! Over 100 people came out to show their appreciation. We were able to serve great food indoors and honor those who served. A very special thanks to the Low Country Veteran's Group for all their hard work in organizing the event and helping us all remember the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting our freedom. GHA salutes you!



Learn a Skill

Who knew learning could be so much fun? Looking for a job: Free classes and activities are happening now at your local library. Classes include basic computing, resume building, interview skills and more. Don't miss periodic job fairs featuring local businesses. Online resources are available such as SC Works at scworks.org. Any questions, just visit your local library, or call 843-545-3300 for additional information.



March is "Music in Our Schools" Month

Singing and music is an important part of our culture and our child's development. From birth, parents instinctively use music to calm and soothe their children, to express their love and joy, and to engage and interact. Music ignites all areas of child development. It helps your child grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Music builds many skills such as motor, language and memory.



Conserving Energy in Your Home

- Turn off the lights that you are not using.
- Do not place lamps near a thermostat. The thermostat senses the heat produced from the lamp which can change how often your heat or A/C runs.
- Have air filters change regularly.
- Make sure draperies, furniture or rugs do not block vents.
- Choose cold or warm cycles over hot cycles when washing clothes.
- Wash only full loads of clothes.
- Purchase toys that don't require batteries.
- Keep refrigerator clean.
- Make sure the fridge and oven door gaskets are not torn or loose.
- Refrigerators should read 38-40 degrees Fahrenheit and freezers should read 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Turn off the burner or oven before the food is completely cooked.
- Keep stove and oven clean which includes all drip pans.
- Use the appropriate size burner on the range.
- Unplug all appliances, even TV's, when not in use.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Make sure all windows / doors are closed when heating your home.



Stay Healthy

The following are some simple steps you can take to help keep yourself and your family healthy this flu season:

- Get vaccinated.** Influenza vaccination is a safe and effective way to help protect you and your family from the flu each year.
- Wash your hands.** Frequent hand washing keeps a lot of germs out of our bodies. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer.
- Stay home if you don't feel well.** Keep the germs from spreading.
- Do the elbow cough.** Cough into elbows, not hands where it's more likely to spread bacteria and viruses through touch.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, especially when someone is ill.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

1st – **RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
9th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
15th – MLK Holiday, GHA office closed
15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
18th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
22nd - 25th – GHA office closed to the public

FEBRUARY

1st – **RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
13th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
15th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
DTBA – Pest Control/Housekeeping Inspections
22nd – GHA office closed to the public

MARCH

1st – **RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
13th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
15th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
28th – GHA office closed to the public
29th – Holiday, GHA Office closed

APRIL

1st – **RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
10th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
19th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
23rd - 26th – GHA office closed to the public

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