

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

Jackson Housing Authority



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Jackson Housing Authority's mission is to assist low income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical, and professional manner. The Housing Authority will create and maintain partnerships with its clients and appropriate community agencies in order to accomplish this mission.

GAHRA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

GAHRA's lobby day was on February 7, 2019. There was a record number of attendees. The Thrash-Haliburton team thanked volunteers and GAHRA leadership who worked to get the word out and ask members to attend. It was great for both our members, attendees, tenants, Commissioners and legislators. We heard from leadership from the Senate, House, and other agencies. Attendees were able to let them know of our concerns, interests, likes, and dislikes. It is one of the highlights of the year for members and it is vital to our industry's representation and effectiveness. It was a great use of our time and a great service for our Association. After the speeches were over, attendees were able to meet with our local State Representatives and Senators.



The fourth Thursday of each month, Housing Authority residents gather in the Community Room at 4pm.

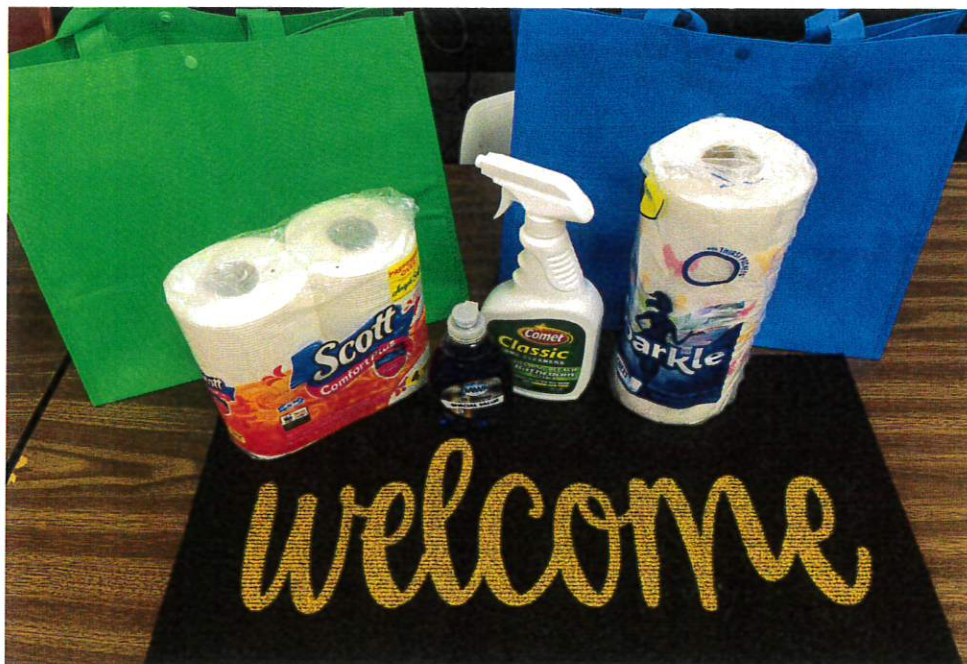
Attending residents discuss any concerns and upcoming events, host speakers, celebrate monthly holidays, and enjoy refreshments. We like ending the evening with friendly rounds of bingo and prizes.



Back to School Bash



The Housing Authority provides all new residents a Welcome Bag containing household items that are useful during the moving process. This year the Housing Authority worked tirelessly to achieve the goal of housing low income and homeless individuals. We provided housing for 12 families which consisted of 30 members.



Community Garden

Jackson Housing Authority's Community Garden is planted every year for our residents. Our raised beds grow a variety of vegetables. We have several residents who also grow their own vegetables in pots on their porches.



SMART LUNCHES

We are so thankful to Smart Lunches Smart Kids for providing 14,075 sandwiches to kids across 13 different sites including the Jackson Housing Authority this summer. A total of 11 groups helped make lunches for kids in our area to ensure locals had five nutritional meals during the week to eat while out of school. Adriane Hart, Housing Manager saw that lunches were distributed during the week along with residents Ronda Akin and Crystal Goodrum as well as Harrileen Conner, area coordinator for the Smart Lunch program in Butts County.





Our EGGstravaganza in the courtyard was a great success. All kids enjoyed egg dyeing. Children 13 and under participated in an egg hunt with the pink bunny to find a prize egg of \$25.

Kids were accompanied by an adult who also enjoyed the activities.





Congratulations Class of 2019!

Every year Jackson Housing Authority recognizes all graduating seniors in our community. The monthly newsletter announces the graduates and any additional information that may be given by the individual or family. JHA gave a total of three graduates in our community a check for \$25.00 each. Graduation is an exciting time. It's both an ending and a beginning. We at the Housing Authority want to encourage our young adults to continue to strive and show them we support them all the way.

A group of our residents who regularly attend Butts County Senior Center brought home multiple medals from the Georgia Golden Olympics with the sponsorship help of the Jackson-Butts County Rotary Club. They were also recognized by commissioners at the monthly meeting in October.





Trick-or-Treat

The residents were caught
Trick-or-Treating at the Housing
Authority office on Halloween.

Our Best Dressed won a gift card
to Walmart!

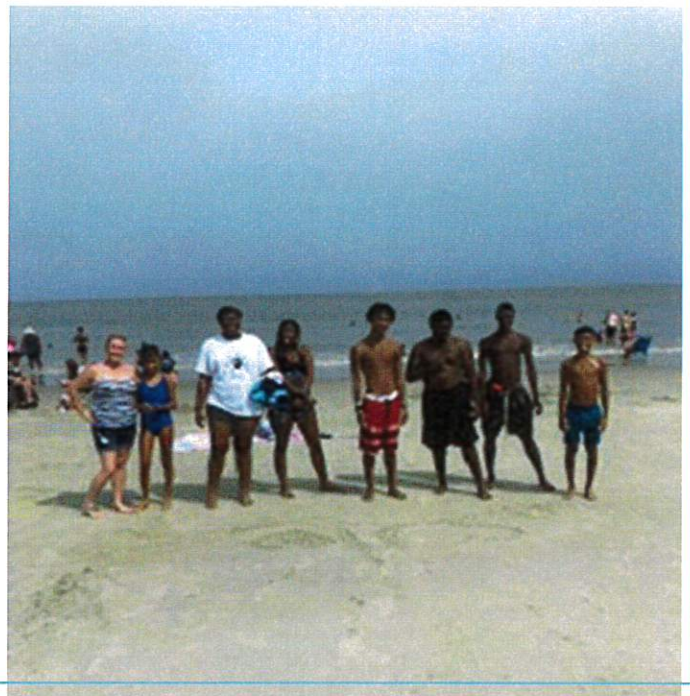


GAHRA Youth Leadership

Theme: D.O.P.E. “Deleting Obstacles, Preparing to Excel”



The purpose of this conference is to provide opportunities to enhance leadership skills and personal development of public housing youth as they strive to become successful citizens. This year our youth met at beautiful St. Simon Island and stayed at Epworth By The Sea. We attended sessions with topics such as Credit: “Chasing Paper”, Proper Communication Skills: “Think Before You...”, Gangs, Social Media, Laws: “Unlocked”, Preparing for After High School: “The Right Choice for Me”, Sex & Healthy Relationships: “It’s a Wrap” . After a day of sessions, everyone gathered at the Summer Waves Water Park for a day of fun in the sun then an evening of dancing. Prizes were given to participants.





Community Clean-up Day

The Housing Authority encourages our residents to help keep our communities clean by having a community clean-up day. Each year our staff gathers with residents to clean a property that has accumulated trash dumped on the property.

Afterwards we enjoyed pizza.





National Prevent Child Abuse Month

Throughout April, The Housing Authority displays pinwheels to show our support in the mission to prevent abuse and neglect of our nation's children.

We recognize that every day we each have the opportunity to help create the kind of nation we want to live in. We also recognize that when all children don't have equal opportunity for healthy growth and development, we put our future as a society at risk.



Thanksgiving Fellowship

Towaliga Baptist Church of Jackson provides an annual Thanksgiving dinner to the residents at the Housing Authority on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.



Merry Christmas

Residents celebrated Christmas with Santa at the Housing Authority. Staff and regular monthly meeting attendees had dinner at Family Restaurant in Jackson.



JACKSON HOUSING AUTHORITY

WORK ORDERS COMPLETED THIS YEAR: 465

CURRENT VACANT UNITS: 3

NEW TENANTS HOUSED: 12

MOVE OUTS THIS YEAR: 16

TOTAL APPLICANTS YEAR TO DATE: 60

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS YEAR TO DATE: 22

**TOTAL HOUSING UNITS PROVIDED BY
THE JACKSON HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

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