

NCD A REGION VI NEWSLETTER



Message from the chair

We are in the process of soliciting bids from entitlements to host the 2019 Southwest Region VI Annual Conference. We encourage those of you who have not hosted or who have not hosted within the last several years to consider this wonderful opportunity. It is a great opportunity to showcase your community and how these federal dollars are being used in your area. For the 2019 Annual Conference, proposals must be submitted by September 17th in order to provide the information at our Annual Membership meeting in October 2018. Please be reminded that you will have the assistance of a planning committee during the process. The application received by your entity may also be used to bid on the 2020 Annual Conference.

Reminders:

If you are doing something you wish to share, submit a picture and your information to cgabucci@fortsmithar.gov or dturner@littlerock.gov.

It is also time to pay regional membership dues. You should have received your information from our Membership Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

Doris Turner

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Retirements

Two Region VI members make way for relaxation.



Piedad Martinez

After 37 years with the City of McAllen and a few years with the City of Mission, Piedad Martinez retired on May 31st. She has been working in community development since the inception of the CDBG program and, prior to that, she worked with the Urban Renewal Program. She is pictured with her husband Humberto Martinez.

Nancy Robbins

Nancy Robbins retired from the City of Tulsa, OK after 14 years of service. City Manager Gary Hamer wrote a comical farewell message using HUD acronyms which resulted in a lot of laughter. Things reported to be on Nancy's agenda during retirement include painting classes, golf, and travel.

Jill Hoyt, Nancy, Gary Hamer



Nancy, Rhys Williams



Nancy, Judy Gillaspie





NCDA Winter Conference, January 2018

Members of the National Community Development Association (NCDA) Region VI gathered in Washington, DC , January 24-26, 2018 for NCDA's Winter Legislative Policy and Professional Development Conference. Attendees were able to take advantage of an array of workshops designed to enhance operational practices for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and Homeless Assistance Grant programs. Congressional staff participated in Plenary sessions regarding HUD Policy Updates and legislative issues. Other highlights of the conference included opportunities to visit Congressional delegations on Capitol Hill. In preparation for the visits, Region VI members assisted in the compilation of a funding briefing booklet that was shared during the various Congressional visits.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Two cities share what they did to make CD Week a success.



City of McKinney, Tx @CityOfMcKinney · 2h

It's #CDWeek2018. In McKinney, CDBG funding supports homeownership, housing rehabilitation, public improvements and economic development projects while encouraging additional local investment. #CommunityDevelopment



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Every \$1.00 of CDBG
funding leverages
another \$4.09 in non-
CDBG funding.
#CDWeek2018



City of McKinney, Tx @CityOfMcKinney · 2h

CDBG Strengthens Families through Homeownership. The city's Housing Rehabilitation program assists single-family owners with emergency repairs, small and major repairs. #CDWeek2018 #CommunityDevelopment



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According to data reported to HUD,
since 2002, McKinney has assisted
single-family households to
rehabilitate their homes; provided
meal delivery to seniors; assisted
with advocacy services for abused
and neglected children and more...
#CDWeek2018



CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

The week of April 2-5 marked National Community Development Week. The city held its first proclamation with Mayor George Fuller and acknowledge City Council and guest former Mayor Loughmiller in attendance. The department also conducted Twitter Tweets throughout the week.

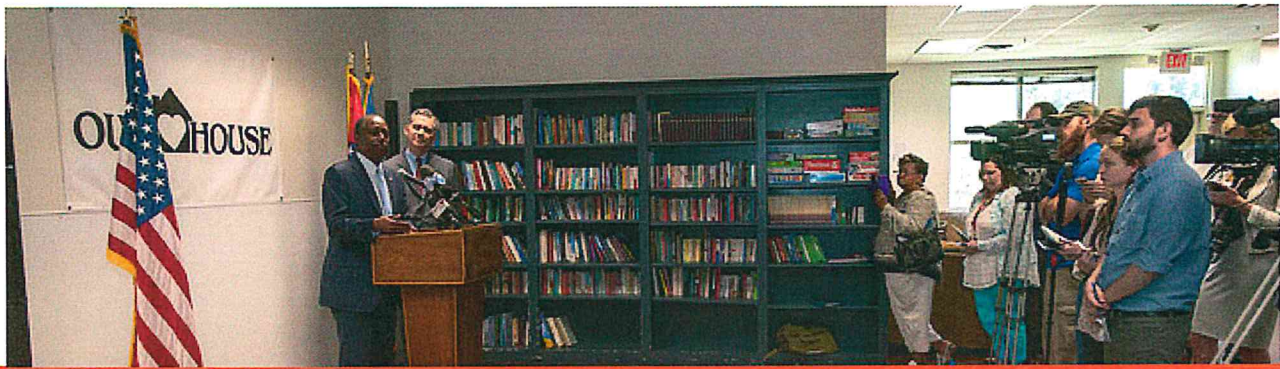


CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

The Department of Community Development hosted a "Fun Day in the Park" celebration consisting of games, food, music, health screenings and face painting. This year's event was held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Valencia Community Center. They kicked off the festivities with an opening ceremony which included the City of Shreveport's Mayor, Ollie Tyler, Bonnie Moore, Department of Community Development's Director, City Council Member, Jeff Everson, and a representative from the Honorable Congressman Mike Johnson's office, Mr. Dylan Davis. Food was prepared and served by the Department of Community Development staff. Vendors were on hand to present their products, educational information and employment opportunities. Local partners and vendors included:

Ayers Community College
Caddo Career Solutions Center
Office of Public Health
Shreveport Fire Department
Shreveport Memorial Library Book Mobile
Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
Shreveport Parks and Recreations (SPAR) Valencia Community Center
Bank on Northwest Louisiana of United Way
Goodwill Industries
Office of Workforce Innovative Opportunities Act
Shreveport Job Corps
Shreveport Police Department
Volunteers for Youth Justice





Secretary Carson goes to Little Rock

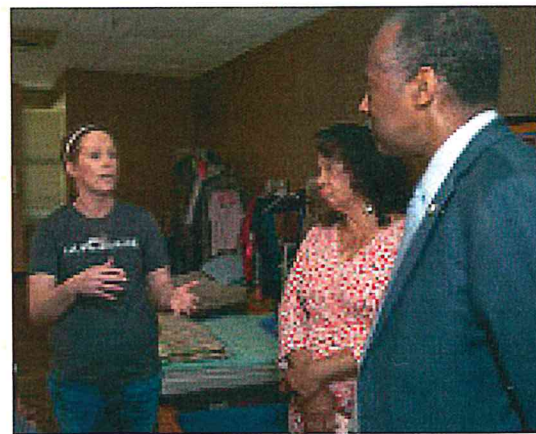
On May 1, Secretary Ben Carson visited several public housing facilities in Little Rock, Arkansas including Our House. Below are excerpts from the story ran by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

Carson praised Our House for combining public and private funding to provide shelter for about 120 men, women, and children. The shelter, which also offers job training and child care for homeless and near-homeless people, receives about 25 percent of its annual funding from federal and local governments. The rest comes mostly from private donations.

Straub, who lives at Our House with her daughter, Rylee, grew up in Harrison. She started college in Mountain Home, but it wasn't long before a losing battle with methamphetamines got her locked in prison after multiple felony convictions. She left prison sober in 2012, but an abusive relationship eventually sparked a relapse. Then, she moved to Little Rock for substance-abuse treatment and graduated from the program in January. After completing treatment, she and Rylee again found themselves homeless, but Our House, had room for them.

The structure Our House offered Straub has made all of the difference. "They help you when you won't help yourself," she said. Our House, founded in 1987, allows people to live there for up to two years to take advantage of job training and other benefits. Hill and Carson smiled as Straub told them about Rylee- a bossy 2-year-old who already talks and learns at an advance level. "Good stuff, good stuff," Carson said.

Straub is applying for financial aid this week to start attending Pulaski Technical College to study social work. She wants a career in a place like Our House. As part of the shelter's job-training program, Straub works at Our House in an administrative role. She's the first face people see when they walk into the main lobby. As she explained Our House's role in her and Rylee's life, Straub urged Carson to support the development of similar shelters across the nation.





Region VI soaks up the sun in Long Beach

"The 49th NCDCA Annual Conference hosted by Long Beach and LA County provided three days of learning, networking and a first-hand view of local community development and affordable housing projects," said NCDCA Executive Director Vicki Watson. "NCDCA thanks our host communities for making the conference a true success."

The NCDCA Conference, held at the Renaissance Hotel, highlighted the investments made through the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and focused on critical federal housing and community and economic development programs.

"We were honored to cohost the 49th Annual NCDCA Conference with the City of Long Beach and meet with community development leaders from across the nation," said Monique King-Viehlend, Executive Director of the CDC/HACoLA. "The conference provided an opportunity to exchange ideas on how to optimize our collective efforts in building and revitalizing the communities we serve."



NCDA REGION VI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Corpus Christi, Texas

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OCTOBER 22-26, 2018



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