

## Upcoming Events at Baxter Community Center

We hope we will see you at one of our upcoming events:

**Nov 16th** Fall Harvest Family Dinner  
5:30 p.m.



**Nov 20th** Resident Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

**Dec 9th** Holiday Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.



### Deck the Doors Beecher Terrace Door Decorating Contest

Get creative this holiday season and enter the Urban Strategies door decorating contest! Enter by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> by contacting Urban Strategies by phone or feel free to stop by our offices. Judging will take place on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be announced at the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> resident meeting.



## Goodwill Cars to Work



Have you been dreaming of buying a car? Would you be more active with your family and friends if you had your own means of transportation? Could a car make it easier to get to work or to a medical appointment? The Goodwill Cars to Work Program may be able to help!

Goodwill Cars to Work helps qualified individuals obtain an affordable car, build positive credit history and maintain employment.

The vehicles distributed through the program are donated, generally less than 15 years old, and have fewer than 175,000 miles. All vehicles are inspected and repaired by a mechanic to ensure they are reliable. Each car also comes with a 12 month/12,000 mile extended service contract.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have a Valid Kentucky Driver's License
- Be a Resident of Kentucky
- Be Employed full or part-time
- Undergoing Case Management with a Referring Agency (such as Urban Strategies or the Louisville Metro Housing Authority)
- Able to make monthly car payments

To learn more about how you can get a referral to this program, contact your **Urban case manager at (502) 384-0786** or visit **The Urban Strategies office within Beecher Terrace at 434 S. 10th St. Building 46. The office is open Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.**

# The Beecher Report

*Community is the foundation of the bigger picture*

This is the second installment of The Beecher Report - a newsletter generated by Urban Strategies and Louisville Metro Housing Authority just for Beecher Terrace residents! This newsletter will be produced every two months during the relocation and redevelopment of the housing site.

## Beecher Event Highlights



Resident Leadership Council Meeting



Family Game Night



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Spooky Ooky Fall Festival



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# Resident Spotlight

Meet Shawn Walker, a resident of Beecher Terrace. Shawn previously lived at Iroquois, and relocated to Beecher in 2010.

Shawn is a single parent of four beautiful children ranging in age from 2 to 14. He would do anything for his children and admits that being a full-time parent requires a lot of sacrifices. "I sometimes forgo my own wants and needs, because my children's needs come first".

Shawn acknowledges that his family and friends play a big part in his and his children lives and is thankful for their support. He is especially grateful for his mother and father, and the great upbringing they provided for him. "My parents supported me along the way with all my endeavors, and I hope to do the same with my kids."

To return his appreciation, Shawn tries to get engaged in the community in some way on a daily basis. He volunteers at the Baxter Community Center and participates in workshops at the local library with his children. He also plans a lot of outings with his family. They enjoy visiting places during the summers using Louisville Metro's "Cultural Pass", along with playing football and basketball, swimming, going to the park, and having cookouts together.



Shawn Walker and his family

Shawn Walker welcomes the redevelopment of Beecher Terrace. He is hopeful that it will bring cultural diversity, more resources, such as retail and nice grocery stores, as well as lower the crime rate. In conclusion, he stated, "It's not where you live but how you live, because at the end of day that is all that matters."

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## Louisville Metro Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficiency Program may be right for you!

LMHA's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program is designed to provide public housing and Section 8 residents with the programs, support and services needed to improve financial skills, achieve long-term employment and even possibly buy a home. To be eligible for the program participants must be the head of household in an LMHA public housing or Section 8 family, and have the willingness and ability to meet the program requirements. Each participant in the FSS program works closely with an LMHA case manager to develop and carry out a plan to reach their personal financial goals.

The centerpiece of the FSS program is a special escrow account that is set up for each participant. As the family's earned income and rent goes up, the size of their escrow account also increases. Once the participant successfully completes the program, the money in the account is theirs to use. Some participants use this money to move into market rate housing, and others may use it as a down payment on a home. Each program graduate decides how this money can best serve the future of their family.

**For more information contact the Special Programs Information Line at (502) 569-6900 or talk with your Urban Strategies case manager.**

## Have you enrolled in Case Management with Urban Strategies?

As you hopefully have heard, Urban Strategies opened their offices at Beecher Terrace in March 2017, and their staff is now available right on site to provide case management services to Beecher residents. Urban staff can also meet with households who've relocated from Beecher at convenient locations near their new homes.

Meeting with a case manager is easy. After completing a brief needs assessment, you will work together to develop goals for you and your family. Your case manager can help you layout steps to achieve your goals and connect you to a number of partners who can support you on your journey.

A wide range of resources designed to meet a variety of needs are available to you including:

- Jobs skills training,
- Employment and educational opportunities,
- Financial and digital literacy classes,
- Homeownership counseling,
- Health services,
- Assistance with transportation, child care, utilities and food security,
- Help with criminal record expungement, and
- Many, many more.

**Call Urban Strategies at (502) 384-0786 or stop by their offices to enroll today!**