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Building Affordable Homes
and Strong Futures Since 1975



“Two-thirds of the achievement gap between lower-income and higher-income youth can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities.

As a result, low income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college.”

- Alexander, Entwisle, Olson, Johns Hopkins University, 2007

Annual Membership Appeal Funds Summer Camps for Youth

Dear Neighbor,

Studies show summer learning is critical for graduation. The end of school is right around the corner, and AHC is getting ready for our annual Summer Camp. Since 2000, we’ve offered a safe and engaging learning environment for low-income children and teens living in our affordable communities.

Besides providing camaraderie and fun, our camp includes a host of educational activities, including math-skill games, visits to museums, and literacy building projects like journal writing and reading incentives.

The combination is critical to children’s long-term educational success. That’s why we’re writing to you today. With the rising costs of materials and transportation costs, **AHC’s Annual Membership Drive** is focusing on our Summer Camp this year. With your help, we’re hoping to reach 150 children and teens this summer.

Here is how your membership contribution can help:

- ✓ **\$30** – Two bathing suits for youngsters who may be exposed to swimming for the first time in their life.
- ✓ **\$40** – Journals for 18 students to improve their writing abilities through daily reflections and writing assignments.
- ✓ **\$75** – Ice cream party for students who collectively read a variety of books to total 1,000 to 5,000 pages.
- ✓ **\$100** – Admission for 20 children to such activities as a puppet show at Glen Echo or an IMAX movie.
- ✓ **\$400** – One bus (and we need two buses twice a week) for field trips like a hike in Great Falls or a visit to the Smithsonian.

AHC Inc. has been preserving and producing affordable housing for more than 30 years in Arlington. Over the years, we’ve learned it takes more than buildings to change lives. It also takes a supportive network of programs and people to ensure strong families and successful futures.

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AHC's Summer Camp has been offering summer learning opportunities for low-income children and teens since 2000.

Studies show that young people who participate in summer educational programs are much more likely to graduate from high school or enter college.

That's why we started our Resident Services program 15 years ago. Our Summer Camp, after-school programs, teen tutoring, family workshops, and senior activities are really making a difference.

And you can help. Most of AHC's resources are dedicated to building and maintaining affordable housing. Our Resident Services programs are funded primarily through donations, grants and government support.

Your support is critical. With dropout rates a rising concern across the country, AHC's Summer Camp helps young people stay on the right track and develop successful, productive lives.

Please send in your contribution today. Or, donate online at www.ahcinc.org.

Thank you in advance for your help and your support. Your contribution can make a real difference to real people in the Arlington community. We appreciate your generosity, and wish you a happy, healthy summer season.

Warmly,

Andrew J. Keyes
Chair

Walter D. Webdale
President

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AHC is a private, nonprofit developer of low- and moderate-income housing. Founded in 1975, AHC produces and preserves affordable rental housing; provides homeownership services; and offers onsite educational services for renters to improve the quality of residents' lives. AHC owns and operates 19 rental properties in Arlington, providing affordable housing for more than 4,000 low- and moderate-income residents.