

Adopt a Community Grant Review – Bay Ridge Gardens

July 11, 2024 – Rev. S. Jerry Colbert

We have just started our 2024-2025 program and I will try to expound of what has happened and the programs for the upcoming year. It is with humbleness that I submit the events and programs being establish within the Bay Ridge Gardens apartment complex

To make the program in this community effective, the committee and I have partnership with some of the following agencies to assist us in transportation, feeding the community and other areas in which we are more than glad for their support. We have partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and have enrolled approximately 28 children in their summer camp program, the Annapolis Police Department with their summer camp program and transportation.

One of the requirements for the children to participate in these activities is to write an essay after each event. They are awarded a gift card for their efforts. Education and transformation is our goal and to expose them to other elements of society other than the community in which they live.

Our Behavior Modification Diversion Program was a huge success. We had approximately twenty residents in attendance. This program had many components: understanding the lease agreement, the importance of housekeeping in compliance with their lease, training in financial literacy and its impact of the family.

On July 8th we brought some of the children and adults to visit and witness the actions of our City Council and its function. The children was in totally amazement as to this is where the laws of the City are created and legislated. On July 11th we took the same group on a walking tour of Annapolis and Naval Academy. To my surprise only one adult had ever visited the Academy. It was full of history and fun. We have a trip planned to the Black Wax Museum in Baltimore scheduled for July 25, and lunch at Golden Corral at Annual Mills.

We have purchased six computers and a printer to avail to the children to assist with their homework. John Wesley and Mount Moriah A.M.E. Church have combined their Vacation Bible School. We have also planned another trip to Harriet Tubman Museum in Cambridge for August 10th. We will follow-up and discuss other events at our next meeting July 22nd, including a Bay Sock Game, our very own Frederick Douglas Museum, Sight & Soung Bible Show for adults, CPR Classes, Cosmetology Classes, tutoring and mentoring programs for the young men and ladies, visit to Washington, DC to visit some of the Smithsonian Buildings and the Capital.

We met the new Regional Manager and On-Site Manager, who was very pleasant and sanction what we were doing in the community.