

# #THIS IS COLUMBIA HOUSING

WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF CH HAPPENINGS: MAY 16 - MAY 20, 2022

## Resident Success Story:

### Antonio Jackson -

**"Opportunities are all around you, you've just got to look for them."**

Antonio Jackson says he lives his life by this mantra- "opportunities are all around you; you've just got to look for them".

Living in Columbia Housing's Arsenal Hill community during high school years, Antonio's mom looked for opportunities for her son. She helped him apply for a summer job at Columbia Housing and he got it!! "Working in Columbia Housing's Accounting Department that summer after I graduated high school really opened my eyes. It made me want to have more, see more, and BE more."

Antonio found even more opportunities after high school when he enlisted in the Navy and worked as a Supply Chain Specialist. After an 8-year stint in the military, Antonio got his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and got married.

Today, Antonio is finding even more opportunities with DoorDash, Inc. the largest food delivery company in the United States. Antonio says, "my summer job at Columbia Housing really helped me develop my work ethic. I took that strong work ethic with me to the Navy; and it's been with me throughout my career. I really do believe opportunities are all around us. We just have to look for them and responsibly take advantage of them."



## Building Healthy Communities for Seniors.

We love that Humana is working to build healthy communities by bringing resources right into the neighborhood. Two Humana representatives — Robert Elwood and Glen Osborne gave our residents helpful and practical tips on managing weight gain.

*Thank you to Humana for bringing the workshop "Managing Weight Gains" to our seniors!*

*Thank you to our Seniors for taking advantage of this opportunity to optimize your health!*

*Thank you to our Resident & Strategic Initiatives Team for ALWAYS bringing resources to our residents!*

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**The Power of Partnerships**  
WE are better together!



## Affordable Housing Task Force Meets to Discuss Affordable Housing in the Midlands.

*Creating More Affordable Housing Options in the Midlands Must Be a Priority!*

Interim CEO Yvonda Bean was recently appointed to serve on the City of Columbia's Affordable Housing Task Force chaired by, Columbia City Councilwoman, Tina Herbert.

Having recently attended her first meeting, Mrs. Bean said, "I greatly appreciate Councilwoman Herbert's passion for developing quality affordable housing and I'm looking forward to working alongside her and the other members of the Task Force to ensure equitable access to affordable housing. The way her task force meetings are structured and organized; I have no doubt we'll be able to get things done."

Thank you, City of Columbia, for your commitment to fostering more quality affordable and attainable housing solutions in the City of Columbia and throughout the Midlands.

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# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ONGOING BABY FORMULA SHORTAGE

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced it is taking steps to help improve supply of infant and specialty formula products. But if you're struggling to find baby formula during the shortage, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Keep in mind, this advice is strictly during this current URGENT formula shortage. If you have any concerns about your baby's nutrition, please talk with your pediatrician.

Click on the panel for the full article or visit [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org) for details.

## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM



You could receive **FREE INTERNET SERVICE** and a **\$100 discount** on your device. Contact your internet provider today for more details!

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Program that provides a discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. Eligible households can receive:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service and associated equipment rentals;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on Tribal lands, and;
- A one-time discount for \$100 for a laptop, desktop, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

A Household is eligible if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below: • Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline; • Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit • Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; • Participates in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program; • Received a Pell Grant in the current award year; or • Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income program.



## Meals on Wheels needs Summer Volunteers!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity that you and your kids can participate in this summer?

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a fun and rewarding experience for people of all ages, to greet homebound seniors living right here in our community with a smile and a hot meal!

Are you a student looking for volunteer opportunities, delivering Meals on Wheels can help fulfill school service hours too.

Contact our volunteer coordinator and we can get you on our schedule: [volunteer@seniorresourcesinc.org](mailto:volunteer@seniorresourcesinc.org) or text/call: 803-903-2236.



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LIFE LAUNCH

KNOW SOMEONE 18-24  
WHO COULD USE A  
FRESH START?

Goodwill's new LifeLaunch:  
Ignite program can help!

For More Information:

- 864-608-2746 (Upstate)
- 803-381-5047 (Midlands)
- [LifeLaunch@goodwillsc.org](mailto:LifeLaunch@goodwillsc.org)

## Goodwill Industries Offers Programming for 18-24 Year Olds Needing to Get Back on Track

Attention Columbia Housing Residents!

Goodwill Industries has awesome programs and opportunities.

Their new LifeLaunch: Ignite program helps 18 - 24 year olds get back on track.

Earn while you learn. Work towards goal obtainment. Receive assistance in a supportive environment.

For more information call 803-381-5047 or email [LifeLaunch@goodwillsc.org](mailto:LifeLaunch@goodwillsc.org)

## Earn While You Learn

Education Stipend  
Training Stipend

## Goal Obtainment

Industry Recognized Certification  
Employment

## Assistance

Tuition  
Transportation  
Childcare  
Legal  
Emergency Assistance

LAUNCH YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

### OUR MISSION

BECAUSE COLUMBIA HOUSING CARES, WE ARE LEVERAGING THE POWER OF HOUSING TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO THRIVE.

### OUR VISION

COMMUNITIES OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CAN LIVE, WORK, AND THRIVE TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

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