



News Release

Digital Access and Healthy Lifestyles for Residents

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As the number of internet users across the country continues to rise, there are still a large amount of people who do not have access, or limited access, due to the cost of service. A study done by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, 28% of all low- and moderate-income families have no at home internet access or mobile only internet access. As the majority of our program participants fall under this category, we have been determined to find a way to bridge this digital divide. Therefore we are pleased to announce our most recent undertaking to do just that; computer labs.

The Fort Wayne Housing Authority has recently made an investment in our properties and our residents alike by supplying computer labs at 6 out of 10 public housing sites; one of which is located at the Resident Services Resource Center (RSRC) at McCormick Place Apartments, which is open to all program participants. These computer labs are equipped with high-speed internet access as well as the Microsoft suite of programs in to provide our residents and program participants the access necessary to complete schoolwork, job searches, receive emails, as well as for personal use.

In addition to the new computer labs, we are thrilled to announce a recent donation by the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of \$1,000 worth of sports equipment for our RSRC and Public Housing Sites in order to promote health and wellness. The Mad Ants are also helping to restore the basketball court at McCormick Place Apartments for our residents to enjoy for years to come. We would like to thank the Mad Ants for their generous donation and their support of our programs.



About Fort Wayne Housing Authority

As an entity of the City of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Housing Authority's mission is to revitalize the city of Fort Wayne by building and developing safe, quality, affordable housing options, while providing programs to foster community, alleviate poverty and encourage long-term economic self-sufficiency.

The FWHA serves more than 3,500 families, including over 2,800 families who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) and another 800 families residing in Public Housing and Tax Credit developments around the city.

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