

# WINDOWS 10.11

Linda Vista, Inc. Newsletter—Summer 2014



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## Welcome to Windows 10.11

We are proud to send out our post luncheon edition and newly updated newsletter. We have renamed the newsletter, *Windows 10.11*. (It's actually our address!) and it will be published 4 times a year. Here we will catch you up to date on all the news at Linda Vista, Inc. It is quite an exciting time for us and we want you to be a part of it!

## 2014 WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY LUNCHEON

On April 23, the 4th annual WWO Luncheon was held at the Dayton Art Institute. With close to 350 people attending the event, one of our former residents Aisha Ford told us, in her own words, what a profound and life long effect Linda Vista has had on her and her family.

Because of all of our sponsors and donors, we are happy to report that this year's luncheon was our most successful ever! Here are some highlights of what has occurred at Linda Vista since the luncheon.

- Because of the luncheon, we have reached out to countless new people and organizations to partner with.
- We have graduated a family out of the program and into permanent housing.
- We have moved in new families with children and by the end of the summer, we expect our facility to be 100% occupied.
- CareSource has kindly donated a new playhouse for our children's playground.
- Applied Mechanical Systems, Inc. has donated 7 portable air conditioners to keep our families nice and cool over the summer.



*When I think about the future of Linda Vista, I am most excited about our new Training Center. It offers our ladies professional and structured courses for them to grow into the women they were meant to be.*

**Carmen Gooden, Executive Director**

Welcome our newest housemate—Jim! Jim comes to us from Paul James. "Dad, thanks for finding me my new home! Love, your son, Jim."



## Volunteers Welcome!

Have some extra time on your hands? Want to make a difference in the lives of countless women and children in your community? Help us out at Linda Vista. We are looking for the following volunteers to give of their time and expertise. Just one hour of service a week can make a change.

**Office Workers    Advisory Committee Members    Life Coaches**  
**Teachers (early childhood and adult)    Grant Writers**  
**Gardeners and Grounds Maintenance    Annual Luncheon Volunteers**

Please contact Carmen Gooden at 937-277-9663 or email at [lindavista1011@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindavista1011@sbcglobal.net)

## IN OUR OWN WORDS

*"When I came to Linda Vista, to say the least I was broken! I didn't have a home, I didn't have my children and I was totally lost. I was very impatient, feeling like things had to go my way. Now that I am here, I am in my own space and I was also able to spend a lot more time with my children. The groups that we have at Linda Vista are helping me the most. I am learning how to change the negatives into positives. My mind and my heart are becoming more clear daily. Linda Vista has blessed me and is helping me to become a better mother and a stronger woman everyday."*

*Alycia - current resident of Linda Vista*

## MOVING IN AND MAKING CHANGES!



We are pleased to have 2 new families in the building. Here are some photos of what the apartments looked like when the families moved in. We not only provide a safe environment for families to heal, but we make it as comfortable as possible.



### DID YOU KNOW...

✓ Linda Vista means "pretty view" in Spanish? We hope that through our programs we can make certain that all of women and children have a "pretty view" of life.

✓ In Dayton and Montgomery County on any given night, more than 960 of our fellow citizens are considered homeless. Individuals make up 61% of the overall population and nearly 39% are families with children. There is an unmet need of nearly 200 permanent supportive housing units.

Source: COHHIO's 2010-11 Ohio Homelessness Report & Montgomery County Homeless Solutions

### LANDSCAPING

We are truly blessed here at Linda Vista. Volunteers past and present from West Westminster Presbyterian Church, Living Word Church, Kevin and Youthworks and Tina McPhearson, all came together to beautify the front and back yards. They trimmed, pulled weeds, planted trees and mulched.

Hats off to all the volunteers who gave of their time and muscle to make Linda Vista so beautiful!



### Linda Vista is always on the lookout for the following items for our building

Outdoor equipment: leaf blower, lawn mower, rakes

Bedroom furniture: twin and queen, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, chest of drawers, small desks, baby beds, highchairs, changing tables

Kitchen: kitchen appliances (microwaves, mixers, toasters, etc.), pots, pans and silverware

Living Rooms: TV stands, sofas, overstuffed chairs, coffee tables, dining tables and chairs, end tables and other decorative items

Office: Printers, copy paper, envelopes, labels, labels, labels!

Please call us at 937-277-9663 or email us at LindaVista1011@sbcglobal.net We would appreciate delivery of items.

*Thanks for all you do. Have a wonderful and peaceful summer!*