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Housing Authority of Travis County Host Fall Harvest Festival

The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) hosted its First Annual Fall Harvest Festival on November 19, 2016 at Alexander Oaks, 6119 Valiant Circle, Austin, TX.

Austin Community College General Equivalency Diploma/Adult Basic Education (ACC GED/ABE) representatives provided general equivalency diploma information to residents. HATC and ACC are working on a partnership that will bring GED classes to each of its three low-income properties located in Austin/Travis County.

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD) rolled out its “African American Quality of Life” mobile van to provide blood pressure and blood glucose screening for HATC residents. Chronic diseases such as hypertension and diabetes are among the highest health disparities in Travis County. Travis County HHSD Shots for Tots provide immunization information for parents.

According to the report published by Austin Travis County Health and Human Services Department “2015 Critical Health Indicators,” Twenty percent of Travis County residents live below the poverty level and have no health insurance. Thirteen percent of the population have no high school diploma. As a housing provider for low-income citizens, many of HATC residents fall within these demographics.



“Our ability to provide responsive supportive services that address the educational and health disparities that are prevalent among low-income citizens in Travis County aides our mission to promote self-sufficiency and a desire for an enhance quality of life for our families,” says HATC Assistant Director of Housing Operations Barry Hall.

HATC is seeking additional grant opportunities to provide additional recreational equipment for its residents. Additional information regarding The Housing Authority of Travis County can be found by visiting www.hatctx.com.
