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GROUNDBREAKING OF THE LAGU (NORTH) YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

Project—GHURA will construct a 5,000 sq. ft resource center in Dededo. The center will be built on a portion of Lot 10114 between Maria Ulloa Elementary School and Benavente Middle School for the youth center. The center will include a large activity room, separate training and computer rooms, staff offices and three counseling rooms.

The center will be equipped with a back-up power generator and water storage tank. This will enable the government to utilize the center as emergency storm shelter or as a disaster recovery center.

Service Area—The Department of Youth Affairs will provide services to youth and their families from Dededo, Harmon, Upper Tumon, Tamuning and Yigo. The center is designed to provide services to as many as 150 youth at any time.

Program Services—DYA will provide case management, crisis intervention, home visits, support group sessions, individual counseling, academic assistance and mentoring activities, after school activities at the Lagu Youth Center.

Construction Contract—The contract was awarded to Arvin Builders in the amount of \$635,000. Funding was made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant.

User Agencies—Department of Youth Affairs and Office of the Dededo Mayor

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Congratulations to the 2008 Executive Director Education Program (EDEP) Graduates on January 15, 2008, in Orlando, Florida.

GHURA's Executive Director, Ronald S. De Guzman, addressed the graduates and attendees during the EDEP Graduation Luncheon. (The Executive Director is located at the back row, third from left.)

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS
In Celebrating
30 YEARS OF SERVICE
To the Community

EVENTS

GROUND BREAKING LAGU COMMUNITY CENTER
Dededo
MAR. 31, 2008

BOARD MEETINGS
MAR. 27
APR 9, 24
MAY 8, 22

HOLIDAYS
APR — NONE
MAY — MEMORIAL DAY,
MAY 26
JUNE—NONE

GUAM INDUSTRY FORUM

By Nora Camacho, Planner I, RPE Division

The Guam Industry Forum II, the second in a series of Forums related to the U.S. Marines relocation to Guam, was held from March 6th through the 8th. The purpose for these Forums is to facilitate the exchange of information related to the military buildup on Guam. For three days, the Sheraton Laguna Resort, Hilton Guam Resort and Spa and the Hyatt were filled with industry and government representatives on a quest for information. Many topics were presented, such as contracting, small business considerations, the military preliminary plans, transportation and port plans. Of particular interest to GHURA and others involved in the housing industry, a breakout session was held to discuss Workforce Housing. With an expected increase in the number of people coming to Guam for work, a number of questions need to be addressed ...

- Where will these workers live?
 - Are they going to place a strain on the number of affordable homes available?
- Perhaps we will get the answers to these questions at Guam Industry Forum III?????



2008 GHURA ACTIVITIES



“Grandma, I wanted my sunglasses not my bottle.”—Ryelee Caelyn



Christian Jermaine won the Costume category. Mom took home a basketful of cookie-shaped carrots.

A tisket, a tasket ... Robert Jr. shows off his basket of treasures.



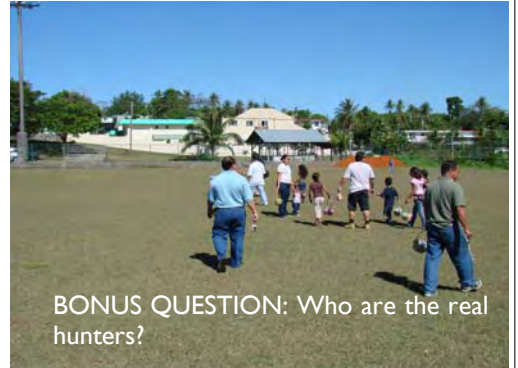
“Just call me Britney, or J.Lo, or Madonna, or ...”—Victoria Brie



Easter Egg Hunt Winners: Golden—Jaythan (Joyce), Ziah Joseph (Millie); Silver—Kaitlyn and Kyle (Robert P), Caitlynn (Angeles), Seth (Rayhill); Most Eggs Found—Amber (Bill), Not pictured—Darion (Betty)



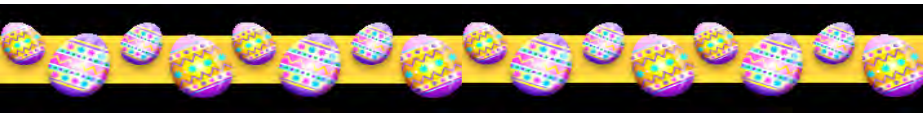
Other Winners: Hannah (Lucy), Aliyah (Tina), Ziah (Millie), Jacob (Marie O). Not pictured: Kylie (Cissy), Tevin (Tim), Charity (Angeles), Alexis Gloria (Lucele), Jerome (Bill), Kyle (Robert P), and to all the winners not listed.



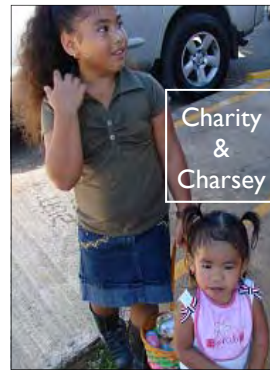
BONUS QUESTION: Who are the real hunters?



Brandon and son, Ziah Joseph—Dad, you hold the basket and I'll get the eggs.



EASTER EGG HUNTERS



Charity & Charsey

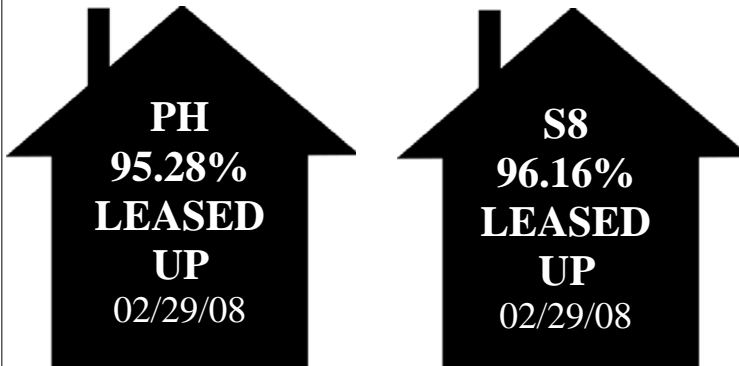


Tevin & Tim



GHURA HOUSING PROGRAMS: Q & A

Excerpts from Housing Resource Newsletter, NM & Associates



EARNED INCOME DISALLOWANCE

QUESTION Are elderly public housing residents who receive regular social security benefits eligible for the earned income disallowance (EID) if they take on a part-time job?

ANSWER The EID rules do not include any restrictions on age. So an elderly public housing resident who meets the qualifications for the EID would be eligible for the disallowance. Since the qualifications are complicated, it's good to review them from time to time.

- The individual must be residing in a public housing unit. Applicants to the program are not eligible, only current residents.
- The individual's family—which may consist of the individual alone—must experience an increase in annual income.
- The increase in the family's income must be the result of one of three events:
 1. The individual gets a job after being "previously unemployed" for at least a year. (The regulations define previously unemployed to include anyone "who has earned, in the 12 months previous to employment, no more than would be received for 10 hours of work per week for 50 weeks at the established minimum wage.")
 2. The individual experiences an increase in earnings while participating in an economic self-sufficiency or other job training program.
 3. The individual gets a new job or experiences an increase in earnings while or within six months after receiving "assistance, benefits, or services under any state program for temporary assistance for needy families funded under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act."

INCOME OR ASSET?

QUESTION I'm inquiring about an ex-schoolteacher in our voucher program who has withdrawn her pension contributions and placed the total amount, \$11,312, in her checking account. I believe we should consider this amount an asset and count only the anticipated income from it. However, others here believe that the amount should be counted as income. Who's right?

ANSWER It sounds as though your ex-schoolteacher has simply converted one asset (pension) into another asset (checking account). If that's the case, then the \$11,312 does not count as income, but it does count as an asset. So you would include the anticipated income from the asset—actual or imputed—in her annual income, but not the value of the asset.

Here's what Chapter 5 of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Guidebook has to say on the subject: While an individual is employed, count as an asset only amounts the family could withdraw from a company retirement or pension fund without retiring or terminating employment. After retirement or termination of employment, count as an asset any amount the employee elects to receive as a lump sum from the company retirement/pension fund. Include in annual income any retirement benefits received through periodic payments. This guidance applies to the public housing program as well as to the voucher program.

LIVE-IN AIDE INCOME

QUESTION We know that under HUD regulations, the income of a live-in aide is excluded from annual income. However, we've been told that if we approve a live-in aide for a family, we must gather income information from the aide so that we can report it and exclude it on the family's 50058 form. Is this true?

ANSWER We're not aware of any such requirement. It's true that, in the general rules for reporting income, the Form HUD-50058 Instruction Booklet explicitly states, "PHAs are required to report all sources of income and all sources of exclusion amounts." However, the instruction booklet also explicitly states, "Do not include income for live-in aides or foster children or foster adults."

Because these statements are contradictory when applied to the income of a live-in aide, we would argue that the requirement to "report all sources of income and all sources of exclusion amounts" applies only to family members and does not apply to other household members, such as live-in aides and foster children or adults.

As support for our argument, we would point to the column heads in the assets and income sections of the 50058 form. Notice that columns 6a and 7a are both headed "Family member name," not "Household member name." We would also point to the definitions of family and household in Appendix 4 of the Form HUD-50058 Instruction Booklet:

Family: includes all household members except live-in aides and foster children and adults. Use the number of family members to calculate subsidies and payments.

Household: includes everyone who lives in the unit, including foster children/adults and live-in aides. Household members are used to determine unit size.



GHURA EMPLOYEES CORNER



Welcome Aboard New Members:
 Erol Marciano, Administration
 Rayhill Haruzi, AMP 1 Maintenance

Welcome Back Members:
 Patricia Mesa, AMP 2 (Detail)
 Angeles Mariur, AMP 3



MARCH
 Jessica Pocaigue
 Mar 1
Happy Easter
 Mar 24

Congratulations to the following winners...

- 1st PRIZE - Armine Loyola (\$8)**
- 2nd PRIZE - Jesse Anderson (AMP3)**
- 3rd PRIZE - Pearl Mendiola (\$8)**

We are proud to announce that we raised over \$600 in ticket sells.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Frank Guzman	Apr 3
Jesse Gofigan	Apr 7
Lucy Awa	Apr 23
Liza Cruz	Apr 25
Marilyn Deplata	Apr 29
Michael Duenas	Apr 30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Evelyn Taimanglo	May 8
Joanne Balajadia	May 10
Elizabeth Quenga	May 13
Maedale Cruz	May 13
Jimmy Taitague	May 16
John Cruz, Jr.	May 22
Bernard lastimoza	May 24
Peter Aguon	May 31

FOODS THAT HEAL



CHESTNUTS—Promotes weight loss, Protects your heart, Lowers cholesterol, Combats cancer, Controls blood pressure

CHILI PEPPERS—Aids digestion, Soothes sore throat, Clears sinuses, Combats cancer, Boosts immune system

FIGS—Promotes weight loss, Helps stops strokes, Lowers cholesterol, Combats cancer, Controls blood pressure

FISH—Protects your heart, Boosts memory, Combats cancer, Supports immune system

FLAX—Aids digestion, Battles diabetes, Protects your heart, Improves mental health, Boosts immune system

GARLIC—Lowers cholesterol, Combats blood pressure, Combats cancer, Kills bacteria, Fights fungus

GRAPEFRUIT—Protects against heart attacks, Promotes weight loss, Helps stops strokes, Combats prostate cancer, Lowers cholesterol

GRAPES—Saves eyesight, Conquers kidney stones, Combats cancer, Enhances blood flow, Protects your heart

GREEN TEA—Combats cancer, Protects your heart, Helps stops strokes, Promotes weight loss, Kills bacteria

HONEY—Heals wounds, Aids digestion, Guards against ulcers, Increases energy, Fights allergies

LEMONS/LIMES—Combats cancer, Protects your heart, Controls blood pressure, Soothes skin, Stops scurvy

MANGOES—Combats cancer, Boosts memory, Regulates thyroid, Aids digestion, Shields against Alzheimer's

MUSHROOMS—Controls blood pressure, Lowers Cholesterol, Kills bacteria, Combats cancer, Strengthens bones

OATS—Lowers cholesterol, Combats cancer, Battles diabetes, Prevents constipation, Soothes skin

NEW HIRES / PROMOTIONS / TRANSFERS

Rayhill Haruzi, Maintenance Laborer (AMP 1); **Marie Rivera**, Administrative Assistant (\$8) **Marilyn Deplata**, Interviewer Clerk (AMP 4), **Christopher Castaneda**, Interviewer Clerk (AMP 1); **Angeles Mariur**, Interviewer Clerk (AMP 3); **Jesse Anderson**, Data Control Clerk (AMP 3), **Darlene Leon Guerrero**, Clerk I (Admin)

FAREWELLS

Robert Lujan, Administrative Aide (MOD); **Joseph Duenas**, Maintenance Laborer

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”
— ALICE WALKER

The greatest discovery of any generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude.”
— WILLIAM JAMES