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PODCAST OF AMANI GENERATIONAL STORIES

As part of Potawatomi's Heart of Canal Initiative, Safe & Sound has collaborated with Amani Neighborhood community partners including the COA Goldin Center and NOVA High School to convene Oral History sessions. The recorded sessions include senior residents from the neighborhood and NOVA students, sharing stories about growing up, life lessons, the City of Milwaukee, and the Amani neighborhood. The goal is to build bridges between two groups that don't often inhabit the same spaces, and to gain an appreciation for the other.

The participants have also been involved in a podcast that will be available on a website created to share these Amani stories. Students, residents, law enforcement, and even offenders, participate by sharing their experiences. One student from Nova stated, "I really like talking with the older generation, and sharing our stories."

COA's Youth Development Director, Dr. Jeffrey Burris, participated in several podcast discussions. Dr. Burris said the initiative proved to be effective way to bridge the gap between the Amani Neighborhood and NOVA High School students. He also said the topics discussed dispelled myths between the young and old in regards to life changes and racism in the social world. "It was a truly eye-opening and well received by all participants," said Dr. Burris.

To be involved, call Damien Smith, Safe & Sound Youth Organizer, at 414-788-8085.

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GRAND OPENING

AMANI COMMUNITY & COA FOOD PANTRY

On March 7th, COA Youth & Family Centers opened a new food pantry in the Amani neighborhood. Located at the COA Goldin Center, the pantry services residents from the 53206 zip code. COA, the Hunger Task Force and Feeding America are partnering to provide emergency food items to families in need.

Following the guidance of the Hunger Task Force, families now have access to healthier foods. Families can also shop and make their own choices on foods that their families might prefer.

Mr. Ford, one of the food pantry's first recipients, stated "It's good that this pantry is here because I had to travel so far and my legs aren't as good as they were when I was younger. I appreciate being able to come around the corner when I need to stretch my meals to last until the end of the month."

The pantry provides food in emergency need cases. When families are running low or are

completely out of food they can visit the pantry once a month.

If you know of anyone that is need of emergency food please have them stop by COA Youth & Family Centers' Goldin Center location at 2320 W Burleigh on Wednesday evenings from 4-6pm.

In addition to food, the pantry provides an array of other services. If you have any questions please feel free to call Nicole Franklin at (414) 265-7696.



THE 53206 DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

The 53206 Drug-Free Communities Project partners with other community organizations in 53206 to address factors that contribute to substance abuse. We are a network of people who are helping to solve problems and teaching community members how to use and share resources with the wider community.

This includes our work to:

- Provide trainings to the community
- Support parents on how to talk with their kids about drugs and alcohol
- Support business owners to be responsible
- Provide support for parents and community members
- Support youth on positive personal development

The 53206 Drug-Free Communities Project knows that support, physical and mental health, and freedom from drugs and alcohol help people lead better lives. We focus



specifically on how to help youth succeed without using marijuana and alcohol. The 53206 Drug-Free Communities Project helps existing community organizations strengthen support networks for children and families, and teaches them how to advocate for more opportunities.

For more information contact John Eshun, Drug Free Communities Coordinator, Public Policy Institute - Community Advocates eshun@communityadvocates.net or (414) 270-4659.

DOMINICAN CENTER ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Sr. Patricia Rogers from the Dominican Center on receiving the Black Excellence Award for social services, held on 2/23/18 at the Italian Community Center.

Congratulations to Barbara Smith who received the Gwen T. Jackson Community Service Award, held at U.S. Bank building, at the United Way annual meeting on 2/28/18.

Amani United meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 4:30 pm at the COA Goldin Center in the library, and every 1st Saturday at 8:30 am at the Dominican Center. Residents are encouraged to attend so that they can be informed about what is going on in the community and obtain valuable information and resources. They also have the opportunity to address elected officials.

Currently the Amani community is focusing on the Amani Revitalization Plan: our strategic priorities are (1) safety (2) housing & economic development (3) education & family well-being.

All are welcome and needed to begin this important work, let us "be about what we talk about".

Ms. Barbara Smith, Amani United President



MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Auer Avenue Community School Leadership Team

Auer's Community School Leadership Team (CSLT) includes educators, families, community residents, students, partner organizations, and others invested in our community. We will be responsible for creating a shared vision for success at Auer Avenue School. This involves identifying desired results through Community Conversations and helping align and integrate the work of partners with our school's School Improvement Plan to ensure every student is successful.

Advantages of CSLT:

- Brings all interested parties around the table
- Offers diverse perspectives on program planning and school wide decisions
- Members build relationships between different groups and learn about what different partners offer in the school
- A wide range of issues can be addressed
- Ensures collaboration and working towards shared goals

Common roles for CSLT Committees include:

- Suggesting ways to improve the delivery of services to your target audience
- Identifying community needs and resources

- Contributing to project planning and problem solving
- Helping staff connect with partners and community members
- Talking with community members and other agencies about getting involved with school

Auer Avenue's Community Leadership Team meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

This school year's remaining meeting dates are:

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 13

Please join us whether it is your first time or you are a returning member. YOUR VOICE IS NECESSARY AND APPRECIATED!

For information or questions, contact Ms. Allison at (414) 875-4636.



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

MAY

- 5/4 Amani Safety– First Monday each month - 4:00 PM, COA Goldin/NOVA Library, 2320 W. Burleigh
5/7 Amani– First Saturday Meeting - 8:30AM, Dominican Center, 2470 W. Locust St.
5/11 Dr. Lester Carter Honorary Street Naming: 11-2 PM, Carters Store & Moody Park
5/18 STEM Fair Event: 4:00—5:30 PM, COA Goldin Gym, 2320 W. Burleigh
5/22 Amani United Fourth Tuesday 4:30 PM, COA Goldin/NOVA Library, 2320 W. Burleigh
Every Wednesday: COA Food Pantry 4-6 PM, COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh

JUNE

- 6/2 Amani– First Saturday Meeting - 8:30AM, Dominican Center, 2470 W. Locust St.
6/4 Amani Safety– First Monday Meeting - 4:00 PM, COA Goldin/NOVA Library, 2320 W. Burleigh
6/8 Community Fun Night - Goldin Center Gym, 2320 W. Burleigh
6/9 Where is the Love Event: 12-3 PM, Moody Park
6/18-8/24 COA Summer Day Camp Program: Monday—Friday: sign up now
6/18-8/24 Summer Meal Program, M-F 12-1 PM & 3-4 PM at Moody Park
6/26 Amani United (Fourth Tuesday) 4:30 PM, COA Goldin/NOVA Library, 2320 W. Burleigh
Every Wednesday: COA Food Pantry, 4-6 PM, COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh

JULY

- 7/2 Amani Safety– First Monday Meeting - 4:00 PM, COA Goldin/NOVA Library 2320 W. Burleigh
7/4 COA CLOSED
7/7 Amani– First Saturday Meeting 8:30 AM Dominican Center, 2470 W. Locust ST.
7/24/22 Amani United (Fourth Tuesday), 4:30 PM, COA Goldin/NOVA Library, 2320 W. Burleigh
Every Wednesday: COA Food Pantry, 4-6 PM, COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh

WORDS EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO HEAR

- “I am so lucky to have you.”
“You are a great helper.”
“I love you!”
“I like it when you try so hard.”
“Let’s talk about it.”
“I am sorry.”
“You are very special to me.”
“Thank you for being patient.”
“You are a great kid!”
“I enjoy spending time with you.”

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30 ideas for connecting with your child:

1. Read books together — each pick out your favorite.
2. Draw a picture to share with a family member or friend
3. Talk about what you are thankful for.
4. Help another family member.
5. See what will sink in water.
6. Visit the library and get your child their own card.
7. Have a family game night.
8. Have a picnic outside.
9. Pretend to be dinosaurs.
10. Watch a television show together.
11. Eat vegetables and dip.
12. Look for circle shapes inside and outside.
13. Learn a new skill.
14. Paint your favorite thing.
15. Volunteer together as a family.
16. Dance to music.
17. Go to the park or playground.
18. Pretend you are a circus performer.
19. Make silly faces.
20. Give lots of hugs.
21. Turn off the TV for a day.
22. Leave a love note for someone on their pillow.
23. Coordinate a treasure hunt around your house.
24. Make a list of things you are thankful for.
25. Bake or decorate cookies.
26. Choose something to count and take a walk to look for them.
27. Watch the sunset.
28. Finger paint.
29. Plant some flower seeds
30. Tell your child that you love him or her.

Playing and interacting with your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child learn!