

## SECTION 8 HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM ORIENTATION

A Section 8 Homeownership program orientation will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Public Library, 3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming.

### Program eligibility requirements:

- Must have received Section 8 assistance through the GRHC for at least one year and be in good standing with the GRHC.
- Annual income of at least \$14,500 (\$8,520 for families in which head of households is disabled). Welfare assistance is counted as income for seniors and the disabled.
- Head of household must be employed at the same job for the past year (waived for seniors and the disabled).
- Must be a first-time home buyer as defined by HUD.
- Agree to use the home as a sole residence, having no ownership interest in any other home.
- Enter into a Statement of Homeowner Obligations agreement and comply with all provisions of that agreement.
- Complete the formal application process and meet all lender and GRHC program requirements.

Additional information: [www.grhousing.org/homeowner.html](http://www.grhousing.org/homeowner.html)

Questions? (616) 450-4825



**GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION**  
Family Self-Sufficiency Program  
1420 Fuller Ave. SE  
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## Job Interview Opportunities and Resources!

### HIRING NOW: Dean Transportation

Dean Transportation is hiring school bus drivers in the Grand Rapids area! Starting pay is \$16/hour—the job includes benefits, flexible scheduling and paid training.

Apply online at [www.deantransportation.com/jobs](http://www.deantransportation.com/jobs) or in person at: 900 Union Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, or 4155 Trade Dr. SE, Grand Rapids.

### HIRING NOW: SpartanNash

Warehouse Order Selector and other warehouse jobs. Information and online application: <https://careers.spartannash.com/search/searchjobs>.

### Upcoming Grand Rapids Urban League Interview Fairs

October 25: Trigo, Manufacturing and Warehouse

October 30: Padnos, Recycling

All interview fairs will be held...

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Grand Rapids Urban League  
745 Eastern Ave. SE

Information: (616) 245-2207

### West Michigan Works! Hiring Events

All events except 11/14 Community Job Fair are at the Franklin Service Center, 121 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids. "Employer of the Day" events offer job seekers the opportunity to have an on-the-spot interview.

- Monday, October 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Employer of the Day: Applebees
- Tuesday, October 30, 9 a.m.-noon  
Employer of the Day: EDUStaff
- Thursday, November 1, 9 a.m.-noon  
Employer of the Day: Dean Transportation
- Tuesday, November 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Employer of the Day: Cintas
- Wednesday, November 14, 9 a.m.-noon  
Community Job Fair, Kentwood Community Church Wyoming Campus, 2950 Clyde Park Ave. SW, Wyoming

### 2019 Passport to Success Job Fair Dates

January 22      April 23  
July 23          October 22

All events will be from noon - 2 p.m. at Sheldon Apartments, 1010 Sheldon SE. Job Fairs are open to all GRHC residents as well as to the general public.

## YMCA Healthy Living Hubs

The YMCA offers fitness classes as well as options to enjoy other health- and family-centered activities at 15 “Healthy Living Hubs” located throughout Grand Rapids. Fitness classes are free, open to all fitness levels, and taught by YMCA-certified instructors. On-site registration is required.

The GRHC is pleased to host Healthy Living Hubs at two of our housing developments, offering family friendly Cardio Drumming classes the following days and times:

Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.:  
Campau Commons Community Center  
821 South Division Ave.

Tuesday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.:  
Creston Plaza Community Center  
1080 Creston Plaza Drive NE

Many other classes are offered—Yoga, Zumba, high-intensity “Bootcamp,” dance-based “WERQ,” “Couch to 5K” for would-be runners and “Sit and Be Fit” for those looking for gentle exercise—find the complete schedule at [www.grymca.org/activate/access/healthy-living-hubs/](http://www.grymca.org/activate/access/healthy-living-hubs/).

## Financial Management Workshop

Roosevelt Park Ministries partners with United Church Outreach Ministry (UCOM) to offer a Financial Management Workshop that focuses on the following topics:

- Setting financial goals
- Creating monetary objectives
- Starting savings
- Establishing and improving credit

Classes are taught in English and Spanish and are offered at Roosevelt Park Ministries, 1530 Grandville Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, and UCOM, 1311 Chicago Dr. SW, Wyoming. For more information: (616) 475-5881.

## Congratulations, FSS Program Graduates!



September 2018 Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduates and GRHC Resident Services staff celebrate during a special event in the Sheldon Apartments Community Room.

Congratulations to our September Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduates:

Darnise Dunlap	Maylond Haymon	Candice Rogers
Sonsiree Edmonson	Tricia Kooistra	Hannah Seales
Tamekia Ezell	Mohamed Kumulwa	Kandi Smith
Laterse Gilliam	Michelle Lyons	Sirena Valentine
Fairran Green	Milagros Paulino-Eduardo	Chimere Williams

## Educational Resources

### JUBILEE JOBS “GED CAFÉ”

The GED Café Preparation Program is available to students ages 16 and older who are seeking a GED credential. The course is blended, flexible and tailored to meet each student’s needs. A Spanish-language program is also available.

The program is held in the Jubilee Jobs GR Classroom, 935 Baxter Street SE in Grand Rapids (3rd floor of Baxter Community Center). GED Café hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Open registration—just stop in with the \$20 registration fee and get started! For details: (616) 774-9944.

### BILINGUAL COLLEGE FAIR

November 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Hispanic Center of Western Michigan  
1204 Grandville Ave. SW, Grand Rapids

The Hispanic Center of Western Michigan will host a free Bilingual College Fair that will feature representatives from more than 20 colleges and universities sharing information in Spanish and English. Scholarship and financial aid information will also be available! For more details: (616) 742-0200, extension 121.

## City DASH Bus Expands Service

The City of Grand Rapids Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH) now offers weekend service and later hours aimed at increasing ridership and accessibility. All routes continue to be free and do not require a ticket or pass. The new operational hours for DASH West and North are:

- Monday through Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
- Thursday and Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 a.m. (new service)
- Sunday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (new service)

Routes have been shifted and expanded. For complete route and schedule details: <http://downtowngr.org/get/dash>

## Essential Life Skill: The Ability and Willingness to Learn!

By learning new skills we increase our understanding of the world around us and equip ourselves with tools that can help us to live a more productive and fulfilling life. We also find ways to cope with the challenges that life inevitably throws at us.

How to keep learning? Read a book. Strike up a conversation with someone who may offer a different perspective. Explore a new interest. Invest in your own well-being by making lifelong learning a priority!