



February 2007

CHFT- An Official Sponsor of the Black History Month Poster

CHFT is again one of the official sponsors of this year's Black History Month poster. CHFT is distributing the poster to our members. Poster order forms have been sent to your co-op office. For more information, please contact **Maria Najmi** at **416 465-8688 extension 201** or **maria@coophousing.com**.

Celebrate Black History Month at Two CHFT Member Co-ops

You can celebrate Black History Month at two different events this February. The details are below.

Saturday, February 17 at Hickory Tree Road Co-operative Homes

This is an all ages evening of singing, skits and drumming. The program gets underway at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. The festivities will take place in the main floor meeting room. There will be refreshments.

Hickory Tree Road Co-op is located at 111 Hickory Tree Road near the intersection of Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue West.

For more information about the Hickory Tree event, please contact, **416 241-1728**.

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Sunday, February 25 at OWN Housing Co-operative

Join us for the 2nd Annual Black History Month Children's Celebration. The event is open to all children 13 years of age and under and their parents or caregivers. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will end at around 4:00 p.m. There will be activities, music and food.

OWN Housing Co-operative is located at 115 The Esplanade near the intersection of The Esplanade and Jarvis Street.

For more information and to R.S.V.P. please contact OWN Housing Co-operative, **416 777-9543**.

2007 CHFT Diversity Scholarships

The scholarship application deadline is fast approaching - **Wednesday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m.** This year 10 scholarships of \$5,000 are being offered. We are pleased to announce that once again Toronto Mayor David Miller has agreed to chair the scholarship's Honorary Leadership Committee.

The CHFT Diversity Scholarships Program now has two new community partners, Credit Counseling Service of Toronto and the YMCA. Both these community partners will offer additional services to successful scholarship students.

Credit Counseling will help students with financial planning and budgeting. The YMCA will help students with life skills training, job interview preparation and to develop a strategy to secure summer employment. We believe the skills these workshops provide will add depth to our scholarship program. Successful applicants will be required to take this training.

For more information about the scholarship program please contact **Angela Calderone at 416 465-8688 extension 206 or, angela@coophousing.com**.

Winter/Spring Education Program

March

Board of Directors
Chairing Meetings

Saturday, March 17, YMCA
Tuesday, March 27, YMCA

April

Keeping Out of Hot Water	Saturday, April 14 – morning, YMCA
Is Your Co-op at High Risk?	
Working with the Agency	Saturday, April 14 – afternoon, YMCA
Role of the Maintenance Committee	Tuesday, April 24, Gardenview

May

Managing Your Co-op's Finances	Tuesday, May 1, William Lyon Mackenzie
What is Governance?	Tuesday, May 15, YMCA

To register for any course, please contact your co-op office. For more information about the winter/spring education program, contact **Mary Ann Hannant at 416 465-8688 extension 208 or maryann@coophousing.com**.

Co-op Cost Cutters Update

The newest Co-op Cost Cutters service is *ViewApartment.com*. This service is helping co-ops market their vacant units. Browsers can look at photos of units and get information about co-op housing before they apply. It saves time for everyone. Co-ops get many features with this service, all for a low, low price. Over 30 co-ops are advertising their market units and waiting lists on this website.

For the past four years, *Appliance Canada* has frozen their price list for co-ops. This year, prices have come down. Co-ops can get energy efficient appliances that save on electricity and water costs. The gift program continues through 2007.

Grand & Toy offers an amazing 46 - 87% discount on things like paper, shredders, ink cartridges, filing systems, lamps, first aid kits and even bathroom supplies.

Home Depot Supply delivers wholesale pricing on energy efficient lighting that saves \$45 per bulb a year, as well as other building maintenance supplies.

Rent Check provides one low price for two reports. Co-ops get a credit and tenant report for \$10, without yearly or monthly fees. If you have any questions about these services, contact **Miriam Wohl at 416 465-8688, extension 212 or miriam@coophousing.com**.

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