

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RIHA Celebrates Neighborhood Networks Week August 6

Neighborhood Networks Week was designed to raise public awareness about center programs that are helping residents to become self-sufficient. It is also a showcase for recognizing the achievements of program participants and the public and private organizations that have partnered to help make those achievements possible.

Neighborhood Networks was established in 1995 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Multifamily Housing Programs.

Three years ago, Rock Island Housing Authority (RIHA) established four fully equipped Neighborhood Network computer labs to provide computer and Internet access for the residents of each of its properties.

Since its beginnings, RIHA Neighborhood Networks and related programs have assisted nearly 200 individuals in their journey toward self-sufficiency.

RIHA & Partners Host a Career & Education Fair at Sunset Heights

As part of the Neighborhood Networks Week, RIHA and its partners will host a Career & Education Fair at Sunset Heights on August 6, 2009 from 9:00 am to noon. Residents from all RIHA properties as well as all Section 8 participants are invited to attend the Fair. Sunset Heights is located at 3130 9th Street in Rock Island.

Participating residents attending the Fair will have the opportunity to have their resumes reviewed and updated, freshen their computer skills and their knowledge about technology and learn the latest techniques to acquire and secure a job. They will also, learn about the companies that are currently hiring and how a post-secondary education cannot only increase their chances of getting hired, but make them more marketable in the workplace.

Partners participating in the Career & Education Fair include:

- John Deere
- Technology Now
- Goodwill Industries
- Success Network
- Safer Foundation
- Black Hawk College
- Scott Community College
- Youth Build of the Quad Cities
- Career link Essentials
- Western Illinois University