

October 6, 2021 Update

EDUCATION

- Blackshear elementary has a new after-school music program thanks to Boynton United Methodist Church. Rev. Davis has reached out to NSI seeking student volunteers to supplement the music teachers she has participating.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SURE Program

- Fall class is held on Monday nights. 149 participants with about 40 student mentor/consultants. 20 Third Ward affiliated; 9 from Third Ward.
- **October 5th luncheon – with Well Fargo senior officials**
 - Wells Fargo executives were in town to give the city and Mayor Turner \$5 million for affordable housing down payments and for a photo opportunity with Unity Bank, the only black owned bank in Texas. They made a *special trip* to have lunch at BAUER to learn more about SURE and the proposed Center for Economic Inclusion. Present were Dean Pavlov, Dr. Khumawala, Professor Charlie Becker, former Regent Paula Mendoza, former Regent Beth Robertson, and Vice President Elwyn Lee.
 - 47 Universities have requested tutelage on how to establish a SURE program on their campuses; 4 universities are from poor countries.
- Junior Achievement – program is seeking SURE’s participation in its high school program.
- Lemonade Stand – program is seeking SURE’s help with its elementary school program.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **Trinity United Method Church – September 25, 2021 – Fresh Produce Mobile Mart**
 - Distribution of fresh food to the community and collection of necessity items for Hurricane Ida and Nicholas victims.
- **Third Ward National Night Out – October 5, 2021 at Emancipation Park**
 - VP Lee and College of Medicine representatives attended along with various Third Ward organizations and institutions. The new COM Director of Community Engagement, Linda Civallero, led the COM team that included community health workers.
- **UH Social Work Interns toured Third Ward on October 5, 2021** prior to taking their positions with Third Ward organization. NSI provided the bus for the tour as requested by the Third **Ward**

Community Cloth.

- **Trinity United Methodist Church, October 23, 2021, Fresh Food produce mart and workshops on Breast health.** TSU and UH will be participating. The workshop will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Third Ward Community Clean-Up around Jack Yates High School, October 31, 2021**, sponsored by the Yates Alumni Association, and the NFL. The sponsors reached out to NSI requesting 30 UH volunteers which will be supplied hopefully in Third Ward Initiative T-Shirts
- **November 9, 2021 – The Third Ward Community Cloth will host a virtual meeting to discuss Comprehensive Health.** Over 70 people are expected to attend.
- **November 13, 2021** – Free pet rabies vaccinations and a Pet health forum at the Trinity United Methodist church.
- **Recurring Third Ward Food Distributions:**
 1. Mobile Food Truck, at the Third Ward Multi-service Center , **every 2nd and 4th Wednesday** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 2. Food Distribution at Trinity East United Methodist Church, **every 2nd and 4th Wednesday** from 2 p.m. m to 5 p.m.
 3. Food and Product Distribution at Riverside Methodist Church, **every 2nd and 4th Saturday** from 9 am – 12 noon.
- **New Health Center** opens on the first floor of the new Emancipation Center located on the corner of Elgin & Emancipation Avenue. Its focus will be on seniors.

ART & CULTURE

- **Turkey Day Classic was discussed in a long Houston Chronicle article on October 2, 2021.** The historical marker was approved mid-July, 2021. It will take a year for the Texas Historical Commission to fabricate the marker.
- **September 25th**, Another George Floyd Mural was unveiled in Third Ward near the corner of Southmore and Scott at a relatively new restaurant, LA Burgers & Daiquiris.
- **Top 30 Influential Women of Houston Gala, October 1, 2021** – Among the honorees were Third Ward Community Leaders: Helen Stagg, Executive Director Change Happens, Eureka Gilkey, Executive Director, Project Row Houses. Also honored was Dr. Ira Blake, President, UH Clear Lake.

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