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Urban Village Community Center Association (UVCA) Receives Grants for Resident Services

Washington DC—Somerset is pleased to announce that our nonprofit partner, Urban Village Community Center Association (UVCA), was awarded three grants in the last month to help fund resident services programs at Urban Village Apartments and Hubbard Place. UVCA was awarded a grant from the **Children Youth Investment Trust Corporation (CYITC)** which will fund summer camp for 5-13 year olds. UVCA was awarded a grant scholarship through **Housing Association for Non Profit Developers (HAND)** to hire an intern this summer, who will assist with the summer camp and support additional resident service programming.

For six weeks, children will be engaged in activities designed to improve academic achievement by preventing summer learning loss with lessons in math, reading, vocabulary, and science. Other activities will facilitate cultural exchange and creative expression, promote self-confidence and sense of community, and teach youth how to make healthy choices. Field trips will broaden horizons. Work in the community garden, swimming once a week, arts and dance classes will promote health and wellness. Work in the on-site computer lab will enhance the emphasis on academic enrichment.



UVCA was selected as one of 20 award winners from a pool of more than 800 applicants for the **2012 Jamba Juice® "It's All About the Fruit and Veggies" \$500 Grant Award** administered by the National Gardening Association and funded by Jamba Juice. The grant provided money, tools, and materials to support the community garden at Urban Village.

UVCA's Mission Statement: Founded in 2003, UVCA's mission is to educate, train, and empower the low-income residents of Urban Village Apartments and the surrounding community through the provision of community services, such as after school programs, computer instruction, adult literacy programs, and English as a Second Language. UVCA's board is comprised of representatives of the tenant association, the property-owner, and the neighborhood, who work together to ensure that programs and resources are available to meet the needs of the community.

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