

# Ypsilanti Housing Commission May 2023 Newsletter



## Project Decoded - Wrap Up

We are excited to announce that our first cohort from the Project Decoded program has successfully completed phase I of the program. Youth from all over the YHC Community had an opportunity to learn video game design, coding, and computer skills. Not only did the youth have an opportunity to learn technical skills but also had the chance to have fun, make new friends, and make their parents proud. This

Cohort met regularly twice a week for the past five months, which is no small commitment. We want to thank everyone who stayed the course, as your commitment is what is going to allow us to provide this same program and other programs in the future because we know we can depend on you all to show up.

Thank you again to everyone who participated and to everyone who did not have a chance to participate, information about phase II of the program will be coming out in the next few months







**Project decoded participant who won Xbox grand prize in raffle**

### **Strong Future Resident Council Candidates!**

Over the past two months the FEP/YHC has worked hard to identify five members from the Strong Future community to take on the challenge of being an advocate for their community. We are pleased to announce that we have successfully identified five members of the Strong Future Community who have accepted the challenge and will be running for a seat on the Strong Future Resident Council Board of Directors.

We would like to thank all of the candidates, nominees, and those who considered running for a seat as a Strong Future Resident Council Board Member.

We are excited to have voices and members of the Strong Future community at the table advocating and helping make decisions that impact the community.

If you are curious about who the candidates are, be on the look out as flyers with this information as well as information about the upcoming election will be going out soon.

### **Free to Low Cost Certifications & Trades**

If you are interested in gaining a new skill/ trade and starting a career at little to no cost, please take advantage of the free to low-cost training being provided by the Washtenaw Community College Workforce development department. These trainings typically can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars, but there is financial assistance available. They are currently offering several trainings that are in high demand by employers, such as healthcare, Forklift, CDL, Pharmacy Technician, and IT/Cybersecurity. There is additional information available in the newsletter.



**Project decoded participant who won the PS5 grand prize in raffle**

# Food Pantry Calendar

## June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Hollow Creek Food Pantry 1:30 pm	7 Towner Food Pantry 1:30 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Sauk Trail Food Pantry 11:00 am	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Towner Food pantry 10:30 am	22	23	24
25	26 Sauk Trail Food Pantry 11:00 am	27	28	29	30	

This is an equal opportunity pantry. All are welcome.

# Family Empowerment Program



## What is the Family Empowerment Program?

The Family Empowerment program was created to provide individuals and families of the YHC with Individualized Supportive Services, which is done by working with our residents to promote self-sufficiency in three key areas - employment, education, and health/wellness.



## What can the FEP help with?

FEP staff have varying focus areas, ranging from mental health coordination, education and wellness, senior support, and permanent supportive housing. Available services are quite varied: FEP hosts 6 food pantries a month (Sauk Trail, Hollow Creek, Towner), provides GED courses, afterschool tutoring, transportation, game nights, community events, case management, mental health counseling, financial literacy, and referrals for furniture, home essentials, car repair, assistance with DTE bills, and much more.



## Who should I contact for support?

Each YHC community has FEP staff present. Listed below are the staff members in each community. In the event of a crisis, we encourage residents to contact any available FEP staff member in addition to appropriate first responders (EMT, fire department, police department, etc...).

### New Parkridge:

- Christa Hughbanks, Mental Health Resident Services Coordinator: (734) 787-2412
- Melinda Miller, Permanent Supportive Housing Coordinator, (734) 787-0239

### Hamilton Crossing:

- Lamar Thomas, Resident Services Coordinator, (734) 787-2609

### Strong Future, Sauk Trail, Hollow Creek, Towner, Scattered Sites:

- Sergio Hernandez, Senior Resident Cares Coordinator, (734) 757-5962

\*Please note as a reminder that the Family Empowerment Program works to assist residents with their housing needs, crisis situations, and community building. All and any case management is confidential unless the resident has a signed release of information form stating the information discussed may be shared with other parties. If there are concerns regarding program operations, please contact Mark Hammond, Director of the Family Empowerment Program at (734) 787-0290.



# Upcoming Events

## Y on the FLY

Y on the Fly is back at New Parkridge and is being held every Monday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. We ask that all participants meet in front of the leasing office at 831 Hilyard Robinson Way. Kids can look for the Y on the Fly van to join outdoor activities for free. There is also a chance to win tickets to local college sporting events!

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## Afterschool Tutoring at New Parkridge

New Parkridge Tutoring is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. We are asking parents to please ensure children are in attendance before 4:15 pm, which is the last time children will be allowed to join. Also, snacks will be provided between 3:30 pm to 4 pm. There will be permission slips for parents to sign. These must be completed before children can participate.

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## Free GED Preparation Classes

Free GED Preparation classes will be held at the New Parkridge Office, 831 Hilyard Robinson Way, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. The classes will be held in the Community Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

## Afterschool Tutoring at Hamilton Crossing

Tutoring is being held for children and teens of all ages every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4 pm - 5 pm at Hamilton Crossing.

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## Adult Bingo at New Parkridge

Adult Bingo at New Parkridge is every Thursday from 6PM to 7:30 PM. Light refreshments are provided, and prizes are available to be won.

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## Youth Bingo at New Parkridge

Youth Bingo at New Parkridge is every Thursday from 6PM to 7:30 PM. Light refreshments are provided, and prizes are available to be won.

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## Literacy class at Hamilton Crossing

Every Thursday from 5 pm - 6:30 pm, those 16 and up can receive assistance with reading, math, writing, computer skills, and GED preparation.

# Calling Post!

A texting system used for enhanced communications between the Ypsilanti Housing Commission, Family Empowerment Program, and residents~

**Hamilton Crossing, New Parkridge, Sauk Trail Pointe, Hollow Creek, Towner, and Scattered Sites**

have a tool to communicate more effectively with residents. YHC/FEP will send text message updates regarding events, programming, office closures, food pantries, etc.. through the service, Calling Post. All texts sent to you will come from the short form phone number:

24251

You must “opt in” to receive text messages to be fully enrolled. If you do not, you will not receive text message updates.



Return this bottom half to a FEP or YHC staff member to receive text messages~!

## Resident Name

*Please print your name:*

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## Contact Information

*Confirm that your phone number on file is correct by providing it here:*

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Please note that you will have to inform us if your phone number changes, as you will not receive updates until your new number is entered into the system.

## Message Preference

*How would you like to receive messages:*

Voice

Text

**Opt-out:** I do not want to receive communications from the Ypsilanti Housing Commission or Family Empowerment Program



# Care 2 Career

## IN JUST TWO WEEKS!

Kick-start your career in healthcare.

**PAID TRAINING:** Receive paid two-week, long-term health care training and learn the skills to succeed in direct patient care.

- CPR certification
- Patient care
- Essential soft skills
- Four continuing education credits at WCC

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN:** Earn a competitive hourly wage while in scheduled training and receive a \$500 stipend.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Secure placement in a Resident Care Assistant position at Chelsea Retirement Community, Assisted Living upon completion of training.

**PAID TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT IN HANDS-ON CARE**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

A desire to help and care for others, no experience required, High School diploma/GED preferred.

**WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- Orientation: Saturday, June 3, 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
- Classes: June 6 - June 16, 2023 (5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)



**Ann Arbor Area  
Community Foundation**



Apply today! Scan and search: Care 2 Career

Questions? Email: [LoveYourCareer@MyBrio.org](mailto:LoveYourCareer@MyBrio.org)

[MyBrioCareers.org](http://MyBrioCareers.org)





# IT Cybersecurity Boot Camp

## Launch Your IT Career



Training and hands-on experience is the key to your successful future in IT Cybersecurity. WCC's IT Cybersecurity program prepares you for real-world situations and consists of in-depth training and certifications within four important and high-demand areas of IT. Training includes Customer Service, A+, Network+, and Security+. These credentials will allow you to quickly find jobs in the fast-changing and fast-growing tech industry.

**Orientation: Saturday, June 24, 2023 (9:00 am - 11:00 am)**  
**Classes: June 26 - August 19, 2023 (5:30 pm - 9:00 pm)**

No Experience Necessary | Boot camp may be low to no cost!



**Washtenaw**  
Community College

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Please inquire for additional details.

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# Foundation of C.A.R.E. Boot Camp

## Launch Your Healthcare Career



C.A.R.E. - Caring for the Aging Responsibly through Education. This accelerated two-week, long-term health care training program will provide you with the skills needed to succeed in direct patient care. This may include the opportunity for paid on-the-job training.

Training includes: CPR certification (pass exam), patient care, essential soft skills and four continuing education credits at WCC. Upon successful completion of this boot camp, you will receive the opportunity to interview with one of our employer partners.

**Orientation: June 3, 2023**  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
**Classes: June 5 - June 16, 2023**  
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**No Experience Necessary**

**Boot camp may be low to no cost!**



*Employers, we would love to have you as a partner to interview and hire our boot camp students. We will add your logo on our flyer and website.*



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# Trainco Truck Driving Schools at Washtenaw Community College



Washtenaw Community College and Trainco Truck Driving Schools have partnered to provide CDL-A training programs at the college campus in Ann Arbor, MI.

## **12 Day CDL-A Automatic Program**

Total Cost: \$5,335 (total cost includes tuition, DOT physical, DOT drug test & CDL driving exam)

Week 1: Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Week 2: Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Week 3: Monday and Tuesday	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
CDL-A driving exam week 3, Wednesday or Thursday	

## **15 Day CDL-A Manual Program**

Total Cost: \$5,335 (total cost includes tuition, DOT physical, DOT drug test & CDL driving exam)

Week 1: Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Week 2: Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Week 3: Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
CDL-A driving exam week 3, Saturday	

If you're interested in starting a new high paying career, call **Trainco, Inc. at 419-837-5730**. Job placement has both home daily, and regional driving positions open.





# Pharmacy Technician Boot Camp

## Launch Your Healthcare Career



Pharmacy Technicians work under the supervision of a registered pharmacist to dispense prescription medications. Placement opportunities include settings such as retail, hospital and compounding pharmacies. By completing this program you will be eligible to take the national certification exam and apply for Michigan Licensure.

Training includes: clinical experience, access to the PTCE, and pharmacy technician training. Upon successful completion of this boot camp, you will receive the opportunity to interview with one of our employer partners.

**Dates: June 10 - August 12, 2023**

**Classes: Saturday's, 9-2 pm**

### Requirements:

- Minimum 18 years of age
- High School Diploma, GED or similar proof of education
- Valid State of Michigan Identification

**No Experience Necessary**

**Boot camp may be low to no cost!**



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# FORKLIFT OPERATOR TRAINING

**Safety on the Move**

**OSHA COMPLIANT**

## A GREAT INVESTMENT

A well-trained operator can improve efficiencies and reduce costs throughout your warehouse. Our safety programs are designed to help protect your employees, equipment and materials.

## MEETS OSHA FORKLIFT OPERATOR TRAINING MANDATE

Designed to assist in complying with OSHA mandate requiring all operators of industrial lift trucks to be trained in the use of their equipment before being allowed to operate it as part of their job.

Safety on the Move also ensures your organization is compliant with OSHA standard 1910.1789(l).

## TRAINING FOR ALL LIFT TRUCK OPERATORS AT YOUR FACILITY

Training is customized to fit the needs of new and seasoned operators. Training includes:

- » Forklift safety
- » Operator's daily inspection checklist
- » Safe traveling and load handling procedures
- » Operating on ramps and loading docks
- » Safe battery handling
- » Hands-on operation of lift truck(s)
- » Operator evaluation
- » Certificate of completion



**Free Training**  
Must Meet  
Eligibility  
Requirements

**Register for a class today!** (must be 18 years of age)

**May 25th, July 20th, or September 14th**

**12:30pm - 4:30pm**

**734-390-WORK (9675)**

**workforcedevelopment@wccnet.edu**

Free training for eligible candidates with funding available through MichiganWorks!



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