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Families First for Mississippi | “Community Outreach”

Impacting the Whole Family

Jackson, MS, (3/15/17) – Part of Families First for Mississippi’s mission is to give back and be involved in communities throughout the State. We strive to support and foster strong families, empower parents, and show our youth how to build important character traits that will last a lifetime. Families First recently began a partnership with East Village, Cedar Grove, Forest Hill, and Kingston Place properties in the metro Jackson area. Michele Hines, Regional Supervisor at East Village, states “*Since partnering with Families First it has enriched our efforts to provide quality programs for our properties and made the programs interesting for all age groups.*” Families First staff hosted “neighborhood kick-off” events for East Village, Cedar Grove, Forest Hill, and plan to for Kingston Place the 25th of March. These events consist of multiple vendors from the community, lunch, and fun activities for the children. Workshops and trainings take place in the centers of each property on Families First for Mississippi programs. Kristin Renfroe, Property Manager of Cedar Grove, explains “*Families first is helping to bring the Cedar Grove and Forest Hill community together through teaching and outreach. I am excited to see just how well we can better the community with this partnership in learning and fun!*” In the near future we are planning to expand this initiative to other properties throughout the State. Our hope is that these partnerships will promote healthy relationships and families.

Families First for Mississippi services are delivered by two community organizations: The Mississippi Community Education Center (MCEC) and the Family Resource Center of North Mississippi (FRC). MCEC and FRC have provided Families First for Mississippi programs jointly for over 19 years. Families First for Mississippi is expanding its core services to incorporate additional components designed to stimulate employment, support family financial stability, promote literacy, and increase graduation rates while continuing to support positive youth development, impacting teen pregnancy rates, promoting positive father involvement, parenting skills development, and other parenting education.