



**Altman Management Company Opens Third  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
Neighborhood Network Opportunity Center**

Created in 1995, Neighborhood Networks was one of the first federal initiatives aimed at promoting self-sufficiency and providing technology access to residents living in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured and-assisted communities. By encouraging property owners and managers to open on-site, multiservice technology centers, HUD hoped the community-based Initiative would have a profound effect on the lives of residents...and it has.

These centers offer adults job-training classes, such as computer skills, resume writing, interviewing techniques, job placement services, General Educational Development (GED) preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. They also provide the youth with educational afterschool activities and mentoring programs.

Parkview Apartments Opportunity Center was the first Altman center to open, on August 31, 2005. Use of the computer center has generally included 35 intermediate and high school students who use the facility weekly for home work, 2 residents who have used the facility to graduate from college, residents who use the computers for resumes and job search and those who need help in learning to use computers. Of course, there are many who just want to check their e-mail or surf various internet sites of interest. Parkview Apartment Opportunity center currently offers three (3) times per week English Second Language classes free to any of its many Somali residents interested in improving their language skills. We also offer all residents personal help in resume preparation, obtaining free e-mail accounts and job site employment searches. Parkview Apts. Opportunity Center has achieved the second highest level of recognition and is designated a "Certified Center Classification", the first Neighborhood Network site in the state of Minnesota to achieve the designation.

Perrywood Gardens Opportunity Center officially opened in 2008. They have provided four new computers and two printers connected to the internet for residents use. The staff at Perrywood has gotten the residents involved and have partnered with Harford Community College to offer free GED classes to any resident interested in gaining a high school diploma. The Perrywood Gardens Opportunity Center also offers the residents children an after school program three days per week from 2:30 to 5:30PM.

The Harrisburg Park Opportunity Center had its grand opening on June 23, 2009 for all residents. An old site storage room was completely converted and remodeled for residents use. The Computer center is equipped with six computers and a printer/scanner/fax machine for resident use. Future plans and hopes are for resident participation and educational opportunity.

The next Neighborhood Networks center to open will be the University City Opportunity Center. The grand opening is tentatively scheduled for early August, 2009.