



# MovingForward Newsletter

“We’re About People”



### Achievement Academy

1045 11th Avenue, downtown San Diego

Two Achievement Academy campuses operate in San Ysidro & City Heights.

## Income Tax Day Can Be Taxing – Let the Achievement Academy Help

Monday, April 18th is the deadline to file income taxes. If you earned less than \$49,000 in 2010, our Achievement Academy partner, Thrive San Diego, will do your taxes for FREE.

Tax preparers are certified by the IRS and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. They will also determine if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which provides up to \$450 for persons with no children and up to \$5,600 for persons with children.

You may qualify for other tax credits as well, such as the Child Tax Credit or the Credit for the Elderly & Disabled.

Please call (619) 578-7451 to set up an appointment at the Achievement Academy in downtown San Diego or the City Heights campus.

## Achievement Academy – “Top of the Class” Profile

Karen was the sole breadwinner for her family, working fulltime and taking care of her two young children. But she lacked a career goal. That all changed the day Karen enrolled in Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), one of the three core programs offered at the Achievement Academy of the San Diego Housing Commission. With guidance from Achievement Academy staff, Karen developed a plan to pursue a career in the hospitality industry. She attended classes to improve her financial skills and established an escrow savings account that was matched 3-to-1 by our federal and local partners.

Last December, Karen completed the FSS program and was presented with her savings account check for almost \$8,000. Karen is now employed as a concierge. “Anyone that has the opportunity to enter the FSS program should take advantage of it,” Karen exclaimed. “You will benefit not only yourself but your children’s lives and show them that they can achieve all their dreams and aspirations.”



### BENEFITS SCREENING

Eligibility workers can assist you in determining if you qualify for a variety of benefits.

Please set up an appointment to determine your eligibility by calling (619) 236-1957, or by sending an e-mail to [calfreshappointment@gmail.com](mailto:calfreshappointment@gmail.com).

### CITY HEIGHTS COMPUTER LAB HOURS

- Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Lab is open certain Fridays and Saturdays. Please call the Achievement Academy at (619) 262-9180 for specific dates & times.



**Achievement Academy Workshops\***  
 Location: 4283 Juniper St. Unit 3, San Diego, CA 92105  
 Financial Skills Education (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Mon. Mar. 7	<b>Earned Income Tax Credit Taxes &amp; EITC</b>	Find out if you qualify for the earned income tax credit and how to apply for it.
Mon. Mar. 14	<b>Money Attitudes Budgeting</b>	Discover how you think about money and why. Stop being a spending family and gain control over your financial life.
Mon. Mar. 21	<b>Using Savings and Checking Accounts Checking &amp; Savings</b>	Learn all about checking and savings accounts. Learn how to obtain free checking and avoid high cost accounts.
Mon. Mar. 28	<b>The Casualties of Credit Credit &amp; Debt</b>	Understand good and bad debt. Know the hidden costs of using credit cards. Learn how to manage debt associated with credit card use.

Computer Literacy Workshops		Work Readiness Workshops	
Wed. Mar. 2	<b>Topic: Internet</b> 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 1	<b>Topic: Research a Company</b> 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 4	<b>Topic: E-Mail</b> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Thurs. Mar. 3	<b>Topic: Job Search Engines</b> 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 9	<b>Topic: E-Mail</b> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Sat. Mar. 5	<b>Topic: Research a Company</b> 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 10	<b>Topic: Internet</b> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 8	<b>Topic: Job Search Engines</b> 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 16	<b>Topic: Intro to Windows XP</b> 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 15	<b>Topic: Interview Tips</b> 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 18	<b>Topic: Intro to Computers</b> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Thurs. Mar. 17	<b>Topic: Interview Questions</b> 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 23	<b>Topic: Intro to Computers</b> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Sat. Mar. 19	<b>Topic: Interview Tips</b> 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 24	<b>Topic: Intro to Windows XP</b> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 22	<b>Topic: Interview Questions</b> 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 30	<b>Topic: Intro to Windows XP</b> 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 29	<b>Topic: Interview Tips</b> 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Orientations and workshops are free of charge to all Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) recipients.*

**\*Workshops at this Academy are held in English.**

**Small Business Workshop\***

- Monday, March 14  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**SAT Prep Workshop\***

- Learn the 411 about the SAT, go over real SAT questions, receive one-on-one help.
- Wednesday, March 23  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Family Self-Sufficiency Orientation\***

- Wednesday, March 30  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Tutoring Now Available**

For tutoring days and hours, please call the Achievement Academy campus in City Heights at (619) 262-9180. or visit our Web site: [www.sdhc.org](http://www.sdhc.org).

**Financial Coaching**

Springboard is a nonprofit consumer credit management organization and has staff on-site at the Achievement Academy for one-on-one financial coaching. To make an appointment, please contact Carlos Vargas at [Carlos.Vargas@credit.org](mailto:Carlos.Vargas@credit.org) or call the Achievement Academy at (619) 578-7451.

**Contact Information**

The Achievement Academy campus in City Heights is located at 4283 Juniper St., Unit 3, San Diego, CA 92105. For more information, please call (619) 262-9180.

The Achievement Academy campus in City Heights will be closed on:

- Friday, March 11
- Saturday, March 12
- Friday, March 25
- Saturday, March 26
- Thursday, March 31



Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and help improve the lives of nearly 76,000 San Diegans annually.

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