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15th Annual Shaw Back to School Festival Features Food, Fun, and Facts, 08/26/05

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On Friday, August 26, 2005, from 1:00 PM to 7:30 PM, United Planning Organization Neighborhood Development Center #1 will present the 15th Annual Ready! Set! Go! Back to School Shaw Family Empowerment Festival at the Kennedy Recreation Center, 1401 7th Street, NW. The event will feature food, fun and games; school supplies; health screenings; workshops; entertainment; informational displays; and much more. All activities are free.

A series of workshops will be presented as part of the festival. The workshop topics and schedule are as follows:

Consumer Education--1:00 PM â€” 1:30 PM

Teen Pregnancy (STD and HIV/AIDS)--1:30 PM â€” 2:15 PM

Fathers Rights and Responsibilities, Including Job Readiness*--2:00 PM â€” 3:00 PM

Teen Sexuality--2:45 PM â€” 4:00 PM

Stress Management for Parents and Seniors and How to Monitor Your Childâ€™s Success-- 3:45 PM â€” 5:00 PM

Bullying and Youth Violence--4:00 PM â€” 5:30 PM

Depression, Suicide, Grief and Loss In Children and Adolescents--4:45 PM â€” 6:00 PM

Fathers Rights and Responsibilities, Including Job Readiness*--5:00 PM â€” 6:00 PM

Understanding the Needs of the Physical and Mental Disabilities and Special Education of Children and Adolescents--6:00 PM â€” 7:15 PM

*Representatives of Employers present will include DC Department of Recreation, DC Greenworks, DC Urban Forestry Administration (DDOT), MC Dean Corporation, and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Pre-registration for workshops is required. To pre-register for workshops, call 202-462-6401 and ask for Emma Roye or Charles Pyatt.

Co-sponsors and supporters of the event include Douglas Development; Roadside Development; Friends of Kennedy Playground; Commissioner Alexander M. Padro, ANC 2CO1; Hope for the Future; Clark Construction; Miller Copying Service; Renaissance Hotel; DC Department of Parks & Recreation; Safeway Food & Drug; Ellis Development Group; Giant Food; Whole Foods Market; Capital Area Food Bank; Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative; Alumni, Friends & Associates (support group for UPO NDC #1); Howard University; Washington Convention Center Authority; Shaw EcoVillage; ANC 2C; Shaw Community Ministry; Organization for Training Others In Need (OFT/ON); Manna Community Development Corporation; Councilmember Jack Evans; Shaw Main Streets; Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network; Vision DC; DC Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA); Shaw Heritage Trust; Assembly of Petworth; MCI Center; New Covenant Evangelistic Center; MENZFIT; Ms. American Classic Woman of the Year Pageant Washington, DC Chapter; Singa, Inc.; Emmaus Services for the Aging; DC Greenworks; MC Dean Corporation; Because We Care; Lincoln Westmoreland Apartments; United House of Prayer; Food & Friends; Neighborhood Advisory Council of UPO NDC #1; and many, many more.

For more information or to become a part of this event, call Festival Coordinators Kim L. Williams (202-238-4709, kwilliams@upo.org) and Janie M. Boyd (202-462-6401) at UPO NDC #1 at. All are welcome!

To volunteer, please contact Bernice James, Kim Williams, or Janie Boyd, at UPO NDC#1 at 202-462-6401 or Ray Michael Bridgewater at the Assembly of Petworth at 202-585-7709.

Please share this information with friends and neighbors who may find it of interest.

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