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SUMMER WORK PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR YOUTH

SUFFOLK, Va. (May 6, 2009) – The City of Suffolk announces two summer work programs: Suffolk Summer Success and Summer Work Success 2009. These programs are designed for youth ages 14-24 to provide meaningful experiences that assist in the development of skills and work habits in a challenging and rewarding work environment.

The City of Suffolk is working with Opportunity Inc. of Hampton Roads, who has received funds through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for summer youth employment and youth services. The City of Suffolk will receive \$151,743 from Opportunity Inc. for the direct operation of the program. This funding will provide approximately 65 youth with jobs.

The work programs are open to individuals who are not less than 14 and not more than 24, and those that meet general eligibility, which consists of providing a verification source for each applicable category.

To be eligible for these programs applicants must be:

- United States Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen, **and**
- Registered with Selective Service (if applicable), **and**
- Low income, **and**
- Has one (1) or more of the following barriers
 - Basic Skills Deficient

- School Dropout
- Homeless, Runaway or Foster Child
- Pregnant or Parenting
- Offender
- Individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment.

Suffolk Summer Success is open to those 14 -15. The program will run June 22 – August 14, 2009 and will involve twelve (12) hours of work per week, plus a three hour job readiness component. Participants will receive weekly stipends of \$100.

Summer Work Success is open to those 16-24. The program will run June 22 – August 14, 2009 and will involve thirty five (35) hours of work per week, three hour job readiness component and an hourly wage of \$7.25. Many positions will be available throughout various city departments. Some positions available include: library aides, custodial assistants, office assistants, park attendants and recreation aides.

Applications can be picked up from the following locations: City of Suffolk Human Resources, City of Suffolk Department of Parks and Recreation, East Suffolk Recreation Center, Kings Fork High School, Lakeland High School, Nansemond River High School, Suffolk Court Services Unit, Suffolk Public Libraries, Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Suffolk Workforce Development Center and Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

Completed applications will be accepted on one of the following dates:

Suffolk Health and Human Services Building
135 Hall Avenue

Saturday, May 16, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 2009

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For additional information on the program contact: Jennifer Branham, Youth Services Coordinator at 514-4503.

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