

## Food & Fun at Community Day Festivities

While CHP recognizes that it takes hard work to make a strong community, we also know it is just as important to have some fun along the way!

Several CHP properties recently hosted day-long neighborhood parties, celebrating community spirit with games, activities, information booths, raffles, prizes, mouth-watering foods, and entertainment for all ages. Virginia Beach's [Friendship Village](#) and Yorktown, Virginia's [Yorktown Square](#), [Rivermeade](#), and [Woods at Yorktown](#) communities each held such an event, drawing residents and staff together for fun and camaraderie.

"Community Days are such a great way to show the residents how much we appreciate them, while also having fun and getting to know them a little better," said AmeriCorps Program Director [Jasmin Cotman](#).



*Above: Two residents of the Woods at Yorktown community in Yorktown, VA are entertained by a clown at their Community Day celebration.*



*Above: Children at Friendship Village in Virginia Beach learn a new dance during their property's Community Day.*

"CHP is a team of people which challenges itself to never sit down while others are in want. We rely on our skills, talents, and expertise to recognize patterns of economic, social, and urban patterns in order to house people in the communities we serve. I enjoy the slightly messy vitality that is nurtured by the communities we help. The collaboration of each discipline in our organization is always hard at work; I find it both fitting and hopeful."

*~James Ruhland, III, CHP apprentice architect*