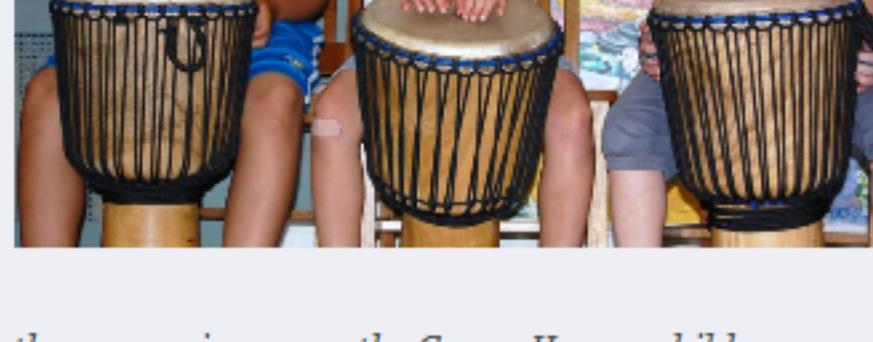


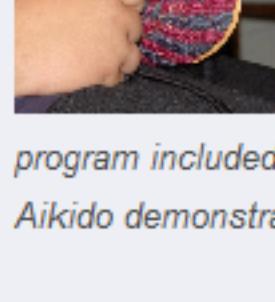


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**Celebrating Ten Years of Colorful Days....Hephzibah's Summer Arts Enrichment Program.**

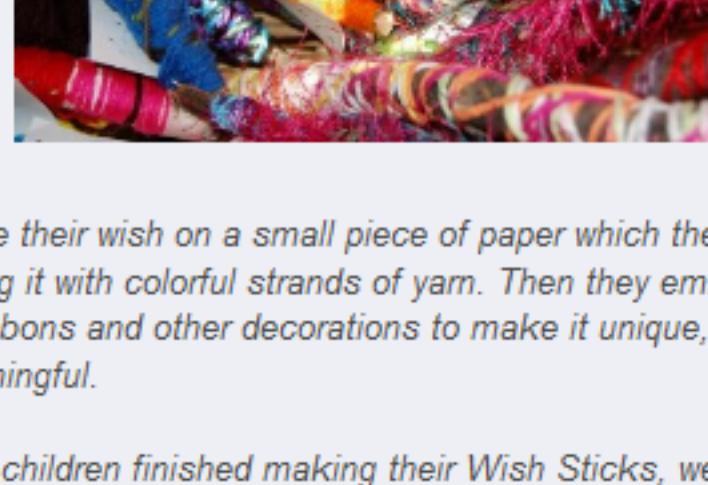


For the tenth summer in a row, the Group Homes children were able to immerse themselves in the arts during Hephzibah's Colorful Days Program! From June 22nd through July 13th, visiting artists helped the youngsters express their creativity through various media for two hours every afternoon.



On July 20th the children and their instructors hosted a showcase of their creations to celebrate what they had learned. An exhibit of their work in paper arts and decorative ceramics was displayed in the Art Therapy Room. Musical performances included African Drumming, Harmonica harmonizing, and Singing. The athletic/dance portion of the program included Hip Hop Dance, Double Dutch jump rope techniques, and an Aikido demonstration.

The culmination of the Celebration was a fun yet emotionally charged project for the 26 young residents of the Group Homes. Guided by Hephzibah Art Therapist, Michal Angel, the children worked for several days to create Wish Sticks.



Each child wrote their wish on a small piece of paper which they wrapped around a stick, securing it with colorful strands of yarn. Then they embellished their creation with ribbons and other decorations to make it unique, special and personally meaningful.

When all of the children finished making their Wish Sticks, we moved to the front lawn. The ceremony began as each child took turns (with the help of tall adults) hanging their Wish Stick on the tree. Some children shared their wishes as they hung their stick, others kept their wishes private. When each child rejoined our circle of friends, he was greeted by joyous cheers of support!

**Thank You to our visiting artists:** from Steckman Studio of Music - Victoria Scamen, Andrew Elbert, African Drumming; Kathy Atwood, Singing; Cassie Scaman, a senior at Oak Park River Forest High School, assisted Kathy; John Milan, harmonica instructor from [HarpNDrum](#), Lynette Miller from [BFit Fitness](#), Iris London from Brand New Life Performing Arts, Michal Angel, art therapist at Hephzibah; Debbie Pastors from Oak Park Aikido

**A Special Thank You to [IIC \(Investing In Communities\)](#)** for funding our African Drumming Instructor from [Steckman Studio of Music](#), and the [Nineteenth Century Charitable Association](#) for their generous grant to help fund the program.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Win a Shinwa Grill!**  
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**Ends Thursday, August 11th 2011**

**Hephzibah Donut Day**  
**The Oak Park Farmers Market**  
 Pilgrim Church at Lake & Elmwood  
*7 am until sold out*  
**Saturday, Sept. 3rd 2011**

**The Oak Park Auxiliary Bake Sale** -  
**The Oak Park Farmer's Market**  
 Pilgrim Church at Lake & Elmwood  
*7 am until sold out*  
**Saturday, Sept. 10th 2011**

**GE Golf Tournament at Catigny!**  
**Save the date! 10th Anniversary!**  
 Rated 4 ½ stars in Golf Digest's 2004 "Best Places to Play"

For Information, Contact Pauline Sharpe at: 708.649.7161 or [psharp@hephzibahhome.org](mailto:psharp@hephzibahhome.org)  
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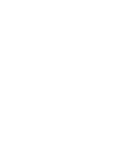
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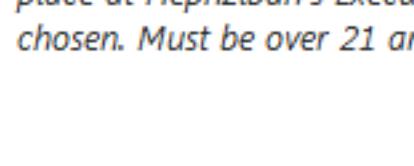
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The Shinwa Grill is a perfect way for you, your family and friends to make mealtime a celebration of togetherness. Around the Shinwa, families can relax, cook healthy food together and create special memories.

The Shinwa is part of the **Sloan Valve** family of products. Sloan, a long-time friend and supporter of Hephzibah, loves all the wonderful things Hephzibah does for children and families. So they are hosting a random drawing to give away one of these special grill tables to a Hephzibah friend.

Rules of Shinwa-Hephzibah Friends Sweepstakes: Entries accepted until August 11, 2011. A random drawing will take

place at Hephzibah's Executive Board Meeting on August 12th 2011. One winner will be chosen. Must be over 21 and a resident of the continental United States.

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