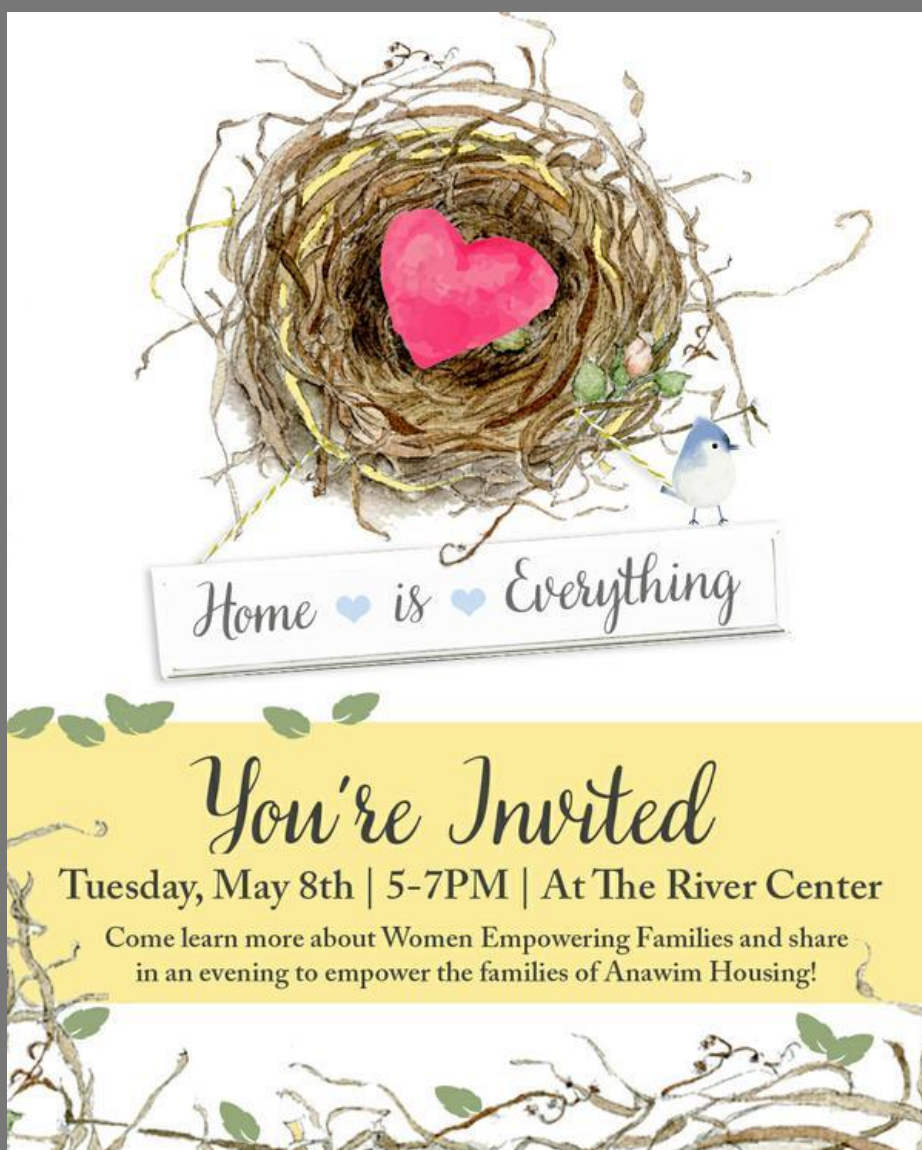




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SAVE THE DATE! Women Empowering Families

Join us in the merry month of May for an evening to empower the families of Anawim Housing! Come and learn about the Women Empowering Families group and how you can become more involved!

Date: Tuesday May 8th

Time: 5-7PM

Where: The River Center - 340 SW 3rd St. Des Moines

*New this year, guests are asked to bring a couple small gifts for our many Anawim Housing Mothers. Together, we will help assemble gift bags to be delivered for Mother's Day! For a list of suggested donation items, to RSVP, and for directions to the River Center, click [READ MORE](#)

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

Mark your calendars for Affordable Housing Week, April 16-21st! Polk County Housing Trust Fund will be offering lots of great opportunities for those interested to get involved and learn more about our community's need for affordable housing. Anawim's Cynthia Latchm - Director of Programs and Services - will be sharing about our Supportive Services and Programs we offer as part of PCHTF's "Stable, Steady, Strong Bus Tour and Lunch" on April 18th. On Saturday April 21st, an Anawim tenant will be offering her personal insight as a guest judge for the "Can I Be Your Neighbor Design Challenge", held at the Grand View Krumm Center.

For a full schedule of all the week's events and to register click [here!](#)

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DRAKE STUDENT INTERNS WITH ANAWIM

Anawim has been fortunate to have some extra help over the past 2017-2018 school year thanks to our wonderful student intern, Brittney Freeman. As a first year student at Drake, she became involved with Drake's Engaged Citizen Corps Program and was paired with Anawim Housing as the nonprofit she would work with throughout the year. I asked Brittney a few questions regarding her time here:

1) What have you enjoyed most about interning with Anawim?

"I've enjoyed learning people's stories the most. There are so many different people with different lived experiences in this world, and it is so easy to forget about that and get wrapped up in your own world/life. Working with Anawim has allowed me to see that more clearly."

Click [READ MORE](#) to read the rest of our fun interview with Brittney about her time spent with Anawim! We wish her all the best in her future academic endeavors

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NEW! LUNCH & LEARN SERIES FOR ANAWIM PROGRAM TENANTS

This April marks the start of our "Lunch and Learn" program series - a special series created for select Anawim program tenants. Participants are comprised of a small group, selected by their Program Managers, who are most in need of support as they adjust to housing, as well as those who have been successful long-term program tenants and have a lot to offer in terms of advice and positive connections.

The group will meet for lunch each Friday in April, provided by Anawim. As part of the series, we will have different speakers for each session that will speak on a variety of topics from caring for an apartment, to being a good neighbor, to managing your money, etc. Participants will also hear from one of Anawim's founders, Fred Van Liew, who will lead discussion topics on communication, legal rights, and sharing their own unique stories.

To learn more about this exciting new program, click [READ MORE](#)

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