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**NHS OF NEW HAVEN ANNOUNCES THEME FOR  
8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FAMILY FESTIVAL**

***FULL STEAM AHEAD: CELEBRATING WOMEN & GIRLS IN S.T.E.A.M!***

**New Haven, CT** — **Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven (NHS)**, positioning neighborhoods to succeed for 37 years, announced today the date and theme of their **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Family Festival**. The Festival will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017 and is titled **FULL STEAM AHEAD: Celebrating Women & Girls in S.T.E.A.M!** NHS' family festival, which has become a community staple with residents from all over Connecticut, has featured past themes such as Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, and Environmental Awareness. It is a chance to honor both the diversity and spirit of the New Haven Community and beyond.

From engineers to artists, from scientists to coders, women and girls are learning, excelling, and engaging in S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). The festival invites families and children of all ages to explore hands-on activities, exciting games, and inspirational performers geared toward highlighting professional women in S.T.E.A.M. Admission is free and includes games, food, and activities.

“Our family festivals have afforded us with an opportunity to give back to the community,” said NHS of New Haven executive director Jim Paley. “We are thrilled with this year’s theme and are excited to bring the community together for a day of science experiments, refreshments, and meetings with friends to discuss the importance of highlighting women in the arts and sciences.”

“As Marian Wright Edelman once said, ‘You can’t be what you can’t see,’” remarked HomeOwnership Center Managing Director, Bridgette Russell. “It is more important than ever for our young girls to have powerful, strong role models in the S.T.E.A.M. fields, to learn the many contributions that women have made within these areas, and to ignite their enthusiasm around pursuing careers focused in math and science.”

The Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 13 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm** at NHS of New Haven's campus on **Sherman Avenue**. The official event page can be found on NHS' facebook site: [facebook.com/nhsofnewhaven](https://www.facebook.com/nhsofnewhaven).

**About Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven**

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven is focused on positioning New Haven’s neighborhoods to succeed by increasing homeownership; making homes beautiful, energy-efficient, and affordable; and helping residents take charge of their neighborhoods. We believe that increased homeownership, educated homebuyers, and rehabilitated houses will produce stable, revitalized neighborhoods that our clients will be proud to call home. [www.nhsofnewhaven.org](http://www.nhsofnewhaven.org)

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