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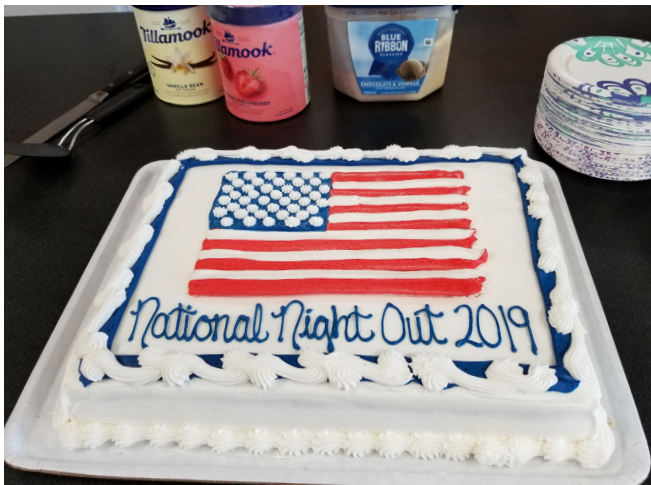
Across our Catholic Housing Communities, residents celebrated National Night Out in August with music, food and fellowship. In the center pictures, Fr. Bach Haven residents enjoy a pasta salad prepared by resident David Mason, a former professional chef. David also heated, set up and served all the food. During dinner, several residents invited some of their local neighbors experiencing homelessness to come and have a plate of food with them.

Building community was the focus of National Night Out events residents attended at several Catholic Housing Communities on Aug. 6. The National Association of Town Watches describes National Night Out as "a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships."

"Community partnerships are such an important part of our Catholic Housing Communities," said Director of Housing Glori Houston. "When you know your police and the other services in the community, you can better participate in that community."

Events at Catholic Charities apartment complexes provided residents an opportunity to get to know each other better over food and activities. National Night Out also gave residents the opportunity to build connections with the community beyond their buildings. Representatives from the police and fire department, as well as city officials, visited the events. Residents asked questions and chatted with the first responders about their work and crime in their neighborhoods.

National Night Out was celebrated in communities across the country on Aug. 6. Thank you to those who attended and helped us build stronger Catholic Housing Communities!



Cathedral Plaza: About 10 residents gathered for an afternoon ice cream social and met with Lt. Steve Braun of the Spokane Police Department. Lt. Braun took the time to have an in-depth conversation with the residents about traffic, sidewalks, Lime scooters and bikes and other neighborhood issues.



Buder Haven: Resident emcee Terrence Roberts kept the energy high for 100 attendees from Buder Haven and The Marilee! Residents took turns performing oldies and hip hop music while other residents took advantage of a painting station provided by the Marilee. Representatives from Spokane Police Department took their time to enjoy the food and chat with residents.



Delaney: A corn bag toss game and a visit from a Spokane Police Department officer were the highlights of the potluck. The officer addressed issues affecting the downtown core that are especially relevant to these Riverside Avenue residents.



Fahys: A Spokane Police Department representative dropped by and spent a few minutes speaking to the gathered residents. The party also included a barbecue dinner of hot dogs and joyful community bonding.