

SEE, HEALTHY HOUSING CAN BE A LIFESAVER



Healthy housing makes a big difference in the everyday lives of people in every community—and so does even learning about it.

The evidence lies in the experience of a healthy-housing workshop conducted November 28 at the Area Health Education Center at Helena-West Helena. The workshop was sponsored by the Delta Community Development and Law Center, Freedom for Youth, and the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center. It was conducted by Victor Jordan of VLJ Enterprises.

After attending the workshop, one participant decided to test what she had learned. She smelled butane fumes inside and outside her home, and, as recommended by the training, she immediately contacted the gas company. The company sent a service person to inspect her home. Fortunately, the service person came on the day of the request. The inspector discovered that the gas tank was leaking butane gas. He also found that the stove was leaking butane.

Thanks to the training and the gas company's response, the participant was advised to replace the gas tank and stove right away.

Moments like these are why it is crucial to attend these workshops. The workshop gave the participant the foresight to be proactive and detect an issue that could have gotten disastrously worse if left unchecked. It perhaps saved her life and prevented a financial burden.

Delta Community Development and Law Center recorded the training and intends to have it edited to be shared on demand.

