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Has anyone hosted a National Night Out event for residents? If so, was it successful?

Yes we host an annual National Night Out, and it is very successful. (Alice)

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The Central Texas Housing Consortium has hosted National Night Outs in the past. We will again this year host National Night Out at four different locations. We have venues for all age groups at each location. We provide a bounce house for the children and for one of our outdoor locations we provide popcorn, snow cones, grilled hotdogs, chips and drinks. The residents who participate at our indoor location receive a bbq plate. Community partners are contacted about 6 weeks prior to our events, asking if they would like to provide door prizes for our events. At each location many of the participants receive a door prize. The Police Department and Fire Department participate in our events and interact with the participants. The mascot, McGruff comes with the Police Department. Free stickers, pencils, coloring books etc. are given to the children. The Target store provides many giveaways to all the participants. National Night Out has been a great way for our residents to connect with one another and also to build rapport with our civil servants. Mayors and Council representatives usually attend as well. These events are publicized in our newsletters, fliers on bulletin boards and sent out on our information broadcast system. We also buy official banners to hang at different locations. Our residents enjoy these events. (Central Texas Housing Consortium (Tempe/Belton))

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We hosted the National Night Out for 15 years , however last year our local PD hosted and we have joined their forces. It is a great event and the whole community participates. We have many pictures – will email you some. (Taft)

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One time, tenants sent kids, no adults showed up. will not do it again! (Newton)

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Yes. It was successful. We had police and fire department representation. We also had a couple of vendors. We served hot dogs, chips, drinks. It was fun. We received a certificate from the City for hosting the event. (Round Rock)

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We host successful National Night Out's at all of our sites every year. The residents get involved and we usually have a good turnout. We have lots of activities for the kids to do. We make it like a carnival atmosphere and always have food on hand. All the politicians make the rounds as well. It is a fun time. (San Marcos)

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Yes our Agency has and they have been successful. (Hidalgo Co.)

I hosted one a couple of years ago that went over great. Had a chili cook-off contest with tenants; Police; Crime Stopper; Fire Department & EMS. Had a tenant do face painting for children. Housing Authority provided drinks, chips, bowls and etc. (Franklin)

We do National Night Out at both the family site and the elderly site. Sometimes the city council rep. will stop by, city officials, police reps. We have refreshments and stuff donated or we pay for it. Very successful at both sites. (New Braunfels)