



# Charleston Housing Highlights

June 2010

## FSS Success!!



Kassandra Robinson moved into Public Housing on February 2, 2008. She joined the Family Self Sufficiency Program in August, 2008. When Kassandra came onto the program, her goals were getting a better job and obtaining a bachelor's degree from WVSU.

Kassandra received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from WVSU. Kassandra has decided to move out of public housing. When asked why she was moving so soon, she said that public housing was a stepping stone to help her achieve her goals - but now she would move so someone else could receive the same chance.

## Orchard Residents Attain U.S. Citizenship



Michael Inyang, received his U.S. Citizenship on 4-5-2010. He is originally from Nigeria.



Anthony Williams, received his U.S. Citizenship on 10-19-2009. He is originally from Jamaica.

## Red Hat Rock-A-Thon



The Lippert Terrace Red Roses Red Hat Society raised approximately \$350.00 at their Rock-a-Thon on May 20, 2010. The Rock-a-Thon was done to raise money for community services such as sponsoring children at the local elementary school during the Christmas season that may not have a Merry Christmas otherwise. Thirteen of the fourteen members were able to participate in the event.

## CHARLESTON WEST SIDE HOME OWNERSHIP ZONE

### COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Please join us at a free informational meeting regarding the West Side Home Ownership Zone. At this session, you will learn about programs available to assist your family with home repairs, weatherization, down payment and closing cost assistance, pre and post-purchase counseling programs and affordable mortgage options, including a lease-purchase option.

When: Sunday, June 27

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority

Office. 1525 Wash. St. W. Charleston, WV 25312

RSVP: requested but not required;

hopewdc@aol.com or (340) 342-3249

Cost: Free

Lunch: Provided

Childcare: Provided

#### AGENDA

2:00 – 2:10 p.m. Welcome and Introductions – Rev. Watts, Hope CDC

2:10 Lunch Served

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. CURA Welcome and Overview – Pat Brown

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Home Ownership Zone presentation Marlo Scruggs, BB&T

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Get the Facts! About the Homeownership Process – RCCR

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Resource booths open for free credit check, question & answers.

Free credit and housing info, plus assistance in accessing your free credit report.

## Charleston-Kanawha Housing Wins Two NAHRO Awards of Merit

### Good Housekeeping Program Award

Charleston-Kanawha Housing received a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation to implement a Good Housekeeping program to educate residents on the importance of keeping a clean home. Residents residing in Charleston-Kanawha Housing properties with poor housekeeping inspection reports in danger of losing their assistance were given the option of participating in the Good Housekeeping program to correct these issues. Through this program, residents received cleaning supplies and literature during one-on-one sessions with a housekeeping coach.

### Charleston-Kanawha Housing Administrative Building Award



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority purchased and renovated vacant buildings located in the 1500 block of West Washington Street, creating an office facility and relocating staff from four separate locations into one central location. The newly renovated facility is located on the city bus line and is fully handicap accessible. In addition to centralizing services for nearly 12,000 clients that visit these offices each year, the agency is investing in an area of the city much in need of revitalization. These two vacant structures had been an eyesore for a number of years and now stand out with a beautiful new façade.



These photos show the drastic transformation of the renovated buildings with the before photos on the left and the after on the right. The lobby was a brand new construction which connected the two buildings.