

Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

April 2007

Family Self-Sufficiency

Charleston-Kanawha Housing's Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators hosted a Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) meeting on April 24, 2007.

The purpose of the PCC is to assist Charleston-Kanawha Housing in securing commitments of public and private resources for the operation of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, including assistance in developing the action plan and in implementing the program.

Twenty people attended the meeting and discussed the progress of the FSS programs for both public housing and section 8.

Resident Council Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff and resident council officers had their quarterly business meeting on April 26, 2007. Each resident council president or representative gave a brief update of activities in their development. Activities reported included after-school programs, the summer nutrition program, resident council elections, fundraisers, trainings and special giveaways/parties.

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff also reported on current projects including: sprinkler systems & key fobs in the high-rises, redevelopment and the resident relocation plan, camera upgrades, resident participation funds and site based management.

John Harper, Neighborhood Networks Coordinator from West Virginia State University discussed the computer labs and the community gardens at Carroll Terrace and Orchard Manor.

Detria Waller, Adult and Family Education Extension Agent from West Virginia State University discussed upcoming literacy workshops for residents of Charleston-Kanawha Housing.

Scholarships Awarded



From left: Brian Lee, Tammy Jones, Mark Taylor, Sandra Idris and Donnie Kessell.

The West Virginia Association of Housing Agencies presented the 2007 scholarship awards on Wednesday, April 18th at the Charleston Marriott. Charleston-Kanawha Housing had the following four winners:

Sandra Idris was selected to receive the SERC-NAHRO Scholarship. She has been active in high school track, is involved in the Charleston Area Performance Arts Academy and the Upward Bound Program, and has completed many hours of community service volunteering at the K-6 after school center in the community where she lives. Miss Idris hopes to be a role model for her younger brothers. She will attend Marshall University and pursue a degree in accounting.

Donnie Kessell, a resident of Charleston-Kanawha Housing and a sophomore at West Virginia State University pursuing a degree in Social Work will also receive a SERC-NAHRO scholarship. Mr. Kessell is actively involved in student life as Chair of NYANSA (an African word meaning learn wisdom), which is a student organization with numerous volunteer outreach efforts. Mr. Kessell also serves as the Chair of Pinnacle, a non-traditional student group that promotes education at any age.

Brian Lee, son of employee Denise Lee, was awarded the Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship. Brian, a top ranking member of his class, is a member of the St. Albans Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of the school's varsity track, baseball, and soccer teams. He is also active in his youth church group and finds time to volunteer tutoring fellow students. Brian will attend West Virginia University where he plans to major in pharmacy.

Tammy Jones is the recipient of the Laura Rossmeyer Professional Development Scholarship. Tammy is the Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator at Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority.

Computer Lab Hours

