



CHA MISSION: **Who are the People in your Neighborhood: Putting a Face on Affordable Housing**

To lead, develop, and execute community-wide strategies that meet the broad range of housing needs for families who cannot otherwise attain conventional housing.

With more than 51 properties and 20,000 plus people served, the Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) provides families in the community a quality, safe, and affordable place to live. In this issue, learn about people in our communities, new developments, community partnerships, and awards. We are *Moving Forward*.

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Children at Gladedale Get a Playground

On February 21, 2011, a ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the opening of the newly installed playground at the Gladedale community by Cunningham Associates, Inc. The funds for the playground were raised by Church at Charlotte. The event was hosted by the Gladedale Resident Advisory Council (RAC), Church at Charlotte, and the Charlotte Housing Authority.

At the event, Aisha Willis and Shacori Kelly, two youth who reside in Gladedale, read letters to the attendees on why the playground was important to them and they both thanked Church at Charlotte for caring enough about them to give them a playground.

“We are so thankful to Church at Charlotte for their generosity,” states Gladedale RAC President Donna Green. “The playground has given the children a place to play and keep active.”



Above (l to r): A. Willis (Gladedale), S. Wright (CHA), D. Green (Gladedale RAC), S. Cunningham (Cunningham & Associates.), RJ Caswell (Church at Charlotte), and S. Kelly (Gladedale); Left: Gladedale Youth Aisha Willis thanks Church at Charlotte; and Below: Gladedale RAC President Green thanks Pastor Caswell.



The church’s generosity goes beyond the donation. The Gladedale RAC and Church at Charlotte began working together over the past year to address community needs for Gladedale. Currently, Church at Charlotte hosts tutoring sessions on Monday afternoons for the children in the Gladedale Community.

“The people of Church at Charlotte really care about our community. We are building friendships,” says Green.



Gladedale Playground



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Boulevard Homes Families Relocated; Demolition Underway

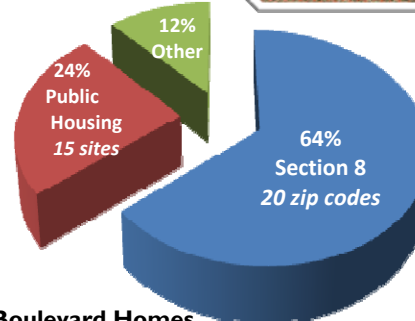
By March 30, 2011, all of the families of the Charlotte Housing Authority's Boulevard Homes community had been successfully relocated. Families from the site moved into areas throughout the City of Charlotte (see side chart for details).

Crosland, Inc., has been selected as the on-site residential component developer for the Boulevard Homes HOPE VI revitalization grant, and began the phased demolition of the buildings on January 26, 2011. Demolition is scheduled to be completed by Summer 2011.

The revitalization plan was initiated through a nearly \$21 million HOPE VI grant awarded to the Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant will be used, along with other funding, to transform the dilapidated, public housing community and surrounding neighborhood into a thriving mixed-income community.

The Boulevard Homes Revitalization Plan centers on an innovative education campus that directly responds to the needs of the children and residents of Boulevard Homes, connects and builds on the existing neighborhood strengths of the West Boulevard Corridor, and addresses the physical distress of the current Boulevard Homes complex while serving as a catalyst for broader community change. This unique Educational Campus will create both a physical and social environment to enable residents and their children to thrive and succeed.

New construction of the four-story, 110-unit senior building is slated to begin in the last quarter of 2011. The second phase will consist of 222-units of rental housing for families. The residential buildings are slated to include three story apartment buildings, two story direct access apartment buildings and two story townhouses, configured in one- to three- bedroom units. For more information on the Boulevard Homes Revitalization, please go to Charlotte Housing Authority web site (www.cha-nc.org) in the Real Estate Development section under Developments in Process labeled Boulevard Homes.



Boulevard Homes Relocation Information

Above: Demolition of Boulevard Homes; Left: Family Relocation Data; and Bottom: Rendering of the new senior building scheduled to be built on former Boulevard Homes site.



Questions for a Relocated Resident

Shavon Dossett, Relocated Boulevard Homes Resident

How did it feel to move out of Boulevard Homes?



"At first I was nervous. But at the same time, I was ready to go. The relocation staff was very supportive, especially my Relocation Worker Myra Sanders. I relocated with a Section 8 Voucher and everyday is new and exciting."

What has happened to you since you have moved into your new home?

"I got a job working for Thompson Child & Family Focus under the Section 3 program. I am very excited to be working with families and children. It is something that I have always wanted to do."

First Ward Community Fund Hosts Basketball Clinic for Youth



More than 120 people attended and 70 children participated in a youth basketball clinic on March 19, 2011 at the Carole A. Hoefener Community Services Center, owned and operated by the Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA).

Former professionals and college players taught the game and talked about the importance of bringing the competitive spirit to all the areas in your life - especially education. Parents who attended the event learned about programs offered by the Police Athletic League (PAL) and CHA. In addition to basketball, participants were provided lunch and given a pair of tickets to a Charlotte Bobcats' game. The dance team for the Charlotte Bobcats, the Lady Cats, offered tips on dance and cheering.

CHA's Stan Washington said he was pleased at the support the clinic received from the Charlotte Bobcats. "Thanks to their sense of community, this is a very special day for many of our young clients," Washington said.

The First Ward Community Fund's Bob Szymkiewicz said, "the student volunteers were awesome. Those from Belmont Abbey and Johnson C. Smith really added to the event and helped re-enforce the idea of the importance of education".

The First Ward Community Fund is a nonprofit corporation with a mission to provide educational, cultural and social enrichment for the residents of First Ward.



Above (l to r): Stan Washington, CHA and Bob Szymkiewicz, First Ward Community Fund

**Photos in this article courtesy of Dustin Shores Photography.*

CHA Resident Receives Community Service Award



Ms. Lucy Brown, Sunridge Resident Advisory Council (RAC) President, been chosen to receive a Community Service Award from the Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Women and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Ms. Brown was selected because of her hard work and dedication to service in her community. She along with help from the University Church of Christ have put together a food pantry and clothes closet for those in need in the community. She also holds fundraisers to help provide school supplies and uniforms for the children at Sundridge Apartments. In her leadership role in the community, she provides transportation for persons in need of assistance to medical appointments.

Lucy Brown, Sunridge RAC President

Ms. Brown was honored at the Charlotte Club's Founders' Day Luncheon held on April 23, 2011.

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Charlotte Housing Authority Receives CAFR Award



The Charlotte Housing Authority received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

"The Charlotte Housing Authority is proud to receive this award for 2011. This is the sixth consecutive year we have received this award. It is a reflection of the professionalism and dedication of our staff for maintaining excellent financial reports," commented Charles Woodyard, President/CEO of the Charlotte Housing Authority.

Charles Woodyard,
President/CEO

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"Attaining this award demonstrates a significant accomplishment on behalf of the Charlotte Housing Authority's Finance Department. This team works very hard year round to keep our financial records and reports up to date and accurate," said Ralph Staley, Chief Finance Officer.

An impartial panel judged the Charlotte Housing Authority CAFR to meet the high standards established within the GFOA guidelines for the CAFR awards.

GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington D.C.



Ralph Staley, CFO

CHA Today Video Updates Now on City Source



On March 3, 2011, the Charlotte Housing Authority's (CHA's) television program, CHA Today, partnered with the City of Charlotte and now provides a five minute news segment to the City Source television program. The program airs on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm on the GOV Channel and is available live and archived on the City's web site www.charlottenc.gov. CHA will provide one segment a month for the show that highlights the agency's activities.



J. Gallman

"We are excited about the new collaboration with the City's news program," states CHA Corporate Communications Officer Jennifer Gallman. "Not only does it show a strong partnership with the City of Charlotte in our efforts to provide affordable housing, but it also allows CHA to reach a larger viewing audience."

At the end of each quarter, CHA will combine the video segments into a 30 minute quarterly special about affordable housing that airs on the channel as well as online and continue to use the show name CHA Today. All video segments will be archived on CHA Today's YouTube Channel. <http://www.youtube.com/user/CHAToday>

Resident Advisory Council

The Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) Residents Advisory Council (RAC) serves as the advisory body for all residents living in low-income housing and is composed of all presidents from resident organizations in CHA communities. This group encourages residents to participate in all phases of community life and serves in an advisory capacity to CHA staff and Commissioners. The 2011 RAC Board (pictured on right) is made up of Dee Dee McLean , Parliamentarian; Lucy Brown, Vice President; Donna Green, Secretary; and Marcia Simpson, President. Melanie Heath, Treasurer, was absent for the photo.



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