## **Greensboro Housing Authority Teams Compete in MLK Tournament**

Eighteen Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) youth, staff and coaches jumped on the bus in January and headed to Bowling Green, Kentucky, for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Martin Luther King, Jr. SERC Basketball Challenge & Cheer/Dance Competition. Statesville Housing Authority's team, coaches and staff also travelled with the GHA youth via a US Coach Ways bus for the long trip. The annual tournament was sponsored this year by the Bowling Green Housing Authority.



While at the January 13-16, 2017 tournament, the teams participated in basketball and cheerleading/dance competitions with twelve teams from Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Alabama at the F.W. Moxley and Kummer Little Gymnasiums. In addition to the competitions, the itinerary for the trip included a tour of Western Kentucky University, an educational tour and ceremonial banquet at the National Corvette Museum, and an MLK holiday youth night at the Bowling Green Housing Authority with games, and activities.

The GHA Vikings Cheer Squad Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Cheer/Dance Competition while the Vikings Basketball Team had some impressive wins including a 57 to 49 game over the Opelika Housing Authority and 59 to 54 win over Statesville before losing 39 to 36 to Eufaula, Alabama's team.

The annual competition was created in 1991 with the simple idea of getting kids involved in a structured program to give them an alternative to drugs, gangs and many bad things happening in the neighborhoods. This vision remains an integral part of the program today.

