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Housing Authority**

*73 Years of Excellence in
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The mission of the Greensboro Housing Authority is to provide safe, quality, affordable housing to low-income, elderly, and the disabled in the Greensboro Community; to maintain a safe and secure community environment; and to encourage personal responsibility and upward mobility of residents while maintaining the fiscal integrity of the agency.

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Henry is awarded scholarship

LaTasha Henry, a single mother, NC A&T senior, and Foxworth resident has been named a Carolinas Council of Housing, Redevelopment and Code Officials (CCHRCO) scholarship winner for 2014. "I am so thankful for this scholarship," said Ms. Henry, "It will allow me to buy the books and supplies I need and pay part of my tuition. It's money I won't have to borrow and pay back."

Ms. Henry classifies herself as an unconventional student and admits being scared when she enrolled at GTCC in 2010. "I was a single mother with a child to care for. I wasn't sure how it would work, but it did,"

The work study program allowed her to go to GTCC where she learned, during a Single Parents' Club program, more about the opportunities GHA had available to assist her family.



Foxworth Resident LaTasha Henry (left) receives scholarship recognition from CEO Tina Akers Brown (right).

In 2011, Ms. Henry became a resident of GHA's Foxworth community, earned her Associates Degree at GTCC in 2013, and is now pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at NC A&T State University.

"I am a proud single mother trying to raise my son," declares Ms. Henry, "I hope my story can inspire others to reach their goals. I look forward to owning my own home and being a social work professional."



Joseph joins GHA staff

Jaymar Joseph has recently joined the Greensboro Housing Authority as vice president of Real Estate Development. He provides financing and development oversight over GHA's portfolio and will be responsible for the RAD conversion of several GHA properties.

Prior to working with the Greensboro Housing Authority, Mr. Joseph served as the executive director of the Falls Church Housing Corporation and a senior manager at the NHP Foundation located in Washington DC.

Williamson-Cooper submits winning artwork



Harmonee Williamson-Cooper

Harmonee Williamson-Cooper, a freshman at Bennett College and Claremont Courts resident, has been selected as a national winner in the annual “What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest. Harmonee’s artwork using the stylized letters spelling home will be featured in NAHRO’s 2015 calendar. She also received a \$100 savings bond as a reward for her work.

In addition, local GHA winners were announced in May. The following children were awarded gift cards during GHA’s Housing America Event on Oct. 2nd.

K-5th Grade Winners

- 1st Place-JaQuay Jones (Smith Homes)
- 2nd Place-Ang’yle Jones (Ray Warren)
- 3rd Place-Dreama Griffin (Lakespring Court)
- Honorable Mention- Xzavion Summers (Claremont Courts)

6th-8th Grade Winners

- 1st Place-LaPorcha Jones (Claremont Courts)
- 2nd Place-Honesti Cooper (Claremont Courts)
- 3rd Place- Yasmine Abdullah (Smith Homes)
- Honorable Mention-Essence Cooper (Claremont Courts)

9th-12th Grade Winners

- 1st Place-Harmonee Williamson-Cooper (Claremont Courts)
- 2nd Place- Amina Williamson (Claremont Courts)



Winning artwork will appear in NAHRO’s 2015 calendar.

Community News recognized as one of the best

GHA’s *Community News*, a quarterly newsletter about GHA, its programs and residents, was awarded first place as the state’s best newsletter in the large public housing category. The recognition was announced by the Carolina’s Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials at its summer conference.



What to do after a storm

Whether hurricane, tornado, or ice storm, we should all prepare for the worst and be ready to stay safe once the storm passes. Here are ways to stay safe after a storm.

- ◆ Be aware of fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company and your GHA management office immediately.
- ◆ Use flashlights to examine the building and not candles.
- ◆ Check refrigerator for food spoilage.
- ◆ If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out of the building quickly. Call the gas company or fire department.
- ◆ Report damages to the unit or outside area to the maintenance department at 336.272.4137 (available 24 hours a day). If no answer, call 336.659.3050.
- ◆ For emergency assistance, please contact:

⇒ Greensboro Urban Ministry	Food Assistance	336.553.2658
⇒ Greensboro Urban Ministry	Shelter	336.271.5959
⇒ Red Cross	Emergency Assistance	336.333.2111
⇒ Crisis Hotline	Disaster Relief	336.235.0368

Farmer Markets offer savings



Greensboro Farmers Markets that seek to provide affordable, fresh produce to low-income residents is open at various locations in Greensboro. The markets accept SNAP/EBT and cash payments, and features price mark downs to make the goods affordable. In addition, each Wednesday all markets offer a match for each snap dollar spent to at least \$15, stretching your food dollars even further.

Market Schedule - Oct. 1st - Nov. 26th

- ◆ **Wednesday Morning, 10am-12noon**
DSS Building, 1203 Maple St.
- ◆ **Wednesday Afternoon, 2:30-4:30pm**
Warnersville Recreation Center, 601 Doak St.
- ◆ **Wednesday and Saturday, 8am-1pm**
Greensboro Farmers Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St.



Young dancers perform in "A Mixed Up Fairy Tale".

Award Winning Arts Program

Greensboro Housing Authority received the 2014 Human Service Award from Carolina's Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials for It's Your Time to Shine Theater Arts Program. The program has produced three plays so far featuring GHA youth. "You Look Ridiculous" was performed in August 2013, and "A Mixed Up Fairy Tale" and "Drug Related - A Deadly Dream" was performed this year on August 13th and 14th.

The plays were presented in partnership with FoxFire Productions Performing Arts Center and performed at Claremont Courts Community Center. This is the second year that the two organizations partnered to offer the creative art summer program for GHA youth.



A scene from "Drug-Related - A Deadly Dream".

RAD Update

This is part one of a series of articles to keep you informed about GHA's progress in converting our communities to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) housing.

Introduction:

RAD is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that seeks to preserve aging public housing communities by providing additional funding to make needed physical improvements. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) applied and was approved to participate in the RAD program in December 2013.

RAD will allow GHA to convert its Public Housing funding to Project-Based Section 8 funding. Through RAD, GHA will be able to take full ownership of its public housing units and renovate the housing using private sources of financing. This will allow GHA to do much needed repairs and improvements to our communities that have not been possible with HUD funding alone. Improvements slated to begin in the first quarter of 2015 include:

Hampton Homes - Our first RAD community will see replacement of furnaces, air conditioning, and water heaters with new energy-efficient models; exterior painting; the repair of porches and rear steps; site-lighting and landscaping upgrades; and playground surface enhancement.

Claremont Courts - Beginning after Hampton Homes, this community will have replacement of flooring, cabinets, doors, painting, plumbing fixtures, stair treads, and water heaters; the installation of upgraded dry connections, electrical outlets, switches, and smoke detectors; interior painting; roof drain replacements; sidewalk repairs; storm and sanitary line investigation; and playground surface enhancements.

Though residents may be asked to stay away from their apartments during the day work is being done, GHA does not foresee any relocation of residents. Residents will receive further information with specific dates and the availability and location of a day unit that can be used during renovation.

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274-3491

Property Management Region 2
Hampton Homes · Hickory Trails ·
Woodland Village
274-3236 · 297-2114

Property Management Region 3
Smith Homes · Abby Court
273-3688

Property Management Region 4
Ray Warren Homes · Applewood ·
Silverbriar · Riverbriar · Pear Leaf
275-6995

Property Management Region 5
Gateway Plaza · Hall Towers ·
Stoneridge
275-9892 · 272-7869

Housing Choice Voucher Program
Family Self Sufficiency · Homeownership
303-3079 · 271-2546

Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency
303-3003 · 303-3009 · 303-3034

GHA Maintenance Emergencies
272-4137 (Primary #)
(Secondary 336-659-3050 - Call only if
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Join the Fun!

Girl Scout troops are open for girls ages 5 to 17.

- ⇒ **Claremont Courts Community Center**
Each Friday, 3-5:30 pm
- ⇒ **Hampton Homes Community Center**
Each Wednesday, 4-7 pm



**Building girls of courage, confidence and
character, who make the world a better place.**

Contact Debra Julian at 336.274.8491 ext 3128