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## Summer Lunch Program Continues

School is out for the summer, but seven sites in Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) communities and 16 Guilford County Schools (GCS) cafeterias are open to ensure children have access to nutritious meals. GHA sites provide free lunch each Monday through Thursday from 11:30am to 1pm until Aug. 1.

GCS provides free breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday until Aug. 8 through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program. Breakfast at the schools will be available from 8am to 8:30am and hot lunch will be served from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

No paperwork or pre-registration is required for children who are at least 18 months old and under 18.

Meals will be served at the following locations.



### Greensboro Housing Authority sites:

- Claremont Courts
- Hampton Homes
- Hickory Trails
- Ray Warren Homes
- Smith Homes
- Riverburch

### Guilford County School sites:

- Alderman Elementary
- Foust Elementary

- Hunter Elementary
- Irving Park Elementary
- Jones Elementary
- Peck Elementary
- Rankin Elementary
- Washington Montessori
- Jackson Middle
- Hairston Middle
- Dudley High

This is the first year the summer lunch program has been expanded to GHA's scattered sites.

At Riverburch, the Resident Youth Council helps serve the meals and read to the younger children after lunch. The newly formed council has set goals to become more active in their community and also plan activities and trips for the group.

## Looking for Success

Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) would like to connect to former GHA residents who have become self-sufficient after moving out of public housing or leaving the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Our 2013 Annual Report will feature these "success" stories with photos, quotes and the story of their journey to independence.

If you know of someone who fits this description, please have them call GHA's



Special Projects Manager at 336-303-3174 or email at [mbmyers@gha-nc.org](mailto:mbmyers@gha-nc.org).



**Dondré and  
Dominique McCaskill**

## Nephew and Uncle Graduate with Honors

Both Dondré and Dominique McCaskill recently graduated with honors from NC A&T State University Middle College with the determination to continue their academic careers.

Dondré, Dominique's uncle and son to Felicia McCaskill and Donell Mitchell, will be attending NC State in the fall with help from scholarships, student loans and work/study at college. He plans to major in computer/electrical engineering and sees himself as an inventor. His first idea is to invent a device that enables a dreamer to control his/her dreams.

Dominique, Dondré's nephew and Josephine McCaskill's and Donnell Shelf's son, is heading to Cleveland State. He visited the campus when his brother attended the college and felt he belonged there. Dominique will be receiving scholarships and help through the work/study program to pay his tuition. He wants to major in computer science and hopes to own his own business designing computer games.

The two 18-year-olds were ranked number two and three in their graduating class and both were involved with robotics as an extra-curricular activity at middle college. Both also

credit their parents for the inspiration that has kept them working hard to achieve.

"My father always says that he doesn't want his son to work as hard as he does and my mother always says, 'Keep your head in the books'," explains Dondré. He has followed his mother's advice and has been an avid reader since age six.

"My mom has been my main inspiration," commented Dominique. "I've seen how hard she struggles and I want to provide for her so she doesn't have to struggle in the future."

Dondré is a resident of Ray Warren Homes and Dominique resides in Hampton Homes.

## Judging Held for Annual Poster Contest

Judging for Greensboro Housing Authority's and National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Official's "What Homes Means to Me" poster contest was judged on May 8 at the African-American Atelier (AAA). Judges Angela Fitzgerald and LeShari Clemmons of the AAA and Jo McKinnon of the United Arts Council selected first, second and third-place winners and honorable mention in three age groups.

As part of the annual poster contest, art classes were held April 8-May 3 in five of our public housing communities. Picture unity, picture perspective, the use of color and the use of dif-

ferent art media to create a poster were the focus of the classes that were led by staff and volunteers of the AAA.

"Staff from the AAA

taught youth art techniques that broadened the scope of their pictures," said Sabrina Abney, GHA's Client Services Coordinator. "It took judges a long time to pick a winner because all posters were unique."

Seventy

posters were received as a result of the art classes. Winners will be announced at the upcoming Housing America Month celebration in October.



**Judging for What  
Home Means to Me  
Poster Contest was  
held in May.**

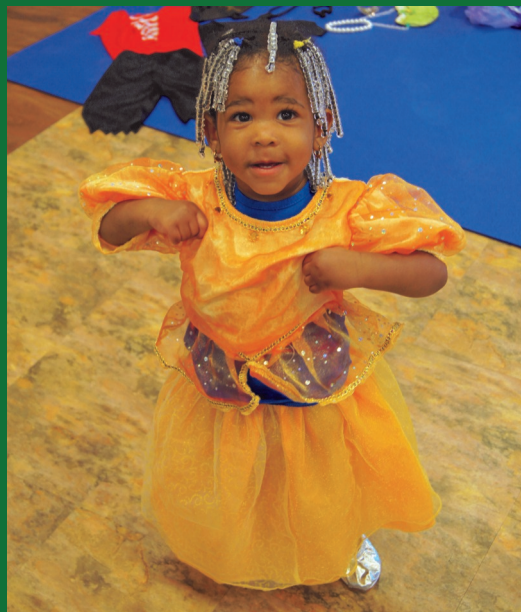


**Art Classes were taught in five communities.**





Claremont Courts' Thriving at Three Program hosted a Fun Day for children enrolled in the New North Carolinas program. The day included arts and crafts, building blocks, planting, bubble, face painting and dress up.



**Is the lack of computer skills hurting your job prospects?**

**Coming in September..**

## **PC Skills for Today's Worker Claremont Courts' Computer Lab**

This course covers computer hardware, software, XP, office essentials, word processing, formatting and editing with Word, Internet functions, spreadsheet basics, formulas and functions, and presentation basics. The program is open to all public housing Family Self-Sufficiency participants.

Call today to register for the upcoming class at 336-303-3009.

## **Next Stage of Your Life....Spotlight on You**

Focusing on job readiness, networking, personal skills and self care, the Next Stage of Your Life meets twice each month at Claremont Courts Community Center.

Currently five Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participants are enrolled and are receiving help through this job-readiness program. In



addition to creating resumes and LinkedIn profiles to aid with their employment search, the group will visit local companies and agencies in the Greensboro area in the coming months to explore career opportunities.

The class began in May and will continue through October 2013. Public housing FSS clients interested in taking part should call 336-303-3009 for further information.

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### GHA Receives Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the eighth straight year, Greensboro Housing Authority has been recognized for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental account and financial reporting.

GHA's CAFR was judged to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users to read the CAFR.

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GHA is Greensboro's largest provider of affordable housing, currently supplying homes to 12,811 Greensboro citizens.