



# Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

August 2009

## Night Out on Crime

Residents at many of Charleston-Kanawha Housing's communities held events for the National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday August 3, 2010 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Carroll Terrace, Orchard Manor, Littlepage Terrace and Washington Manor all participated in this annual event.



Pictures of Carroll Terrace above.



Washington Manor



Banner for Orchard Manor & Littlepage Terrace's Night Out Event, painted by resident Mark Workman of Orchard Manor.

## Washington Manor Unit Tours

Charleston-Kanawha Housing opened three new townhomes for tours at Washington Manor on Friday, August 13th from 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m. Current residents of the development were invited to come and see the future of their community and the units that they will be moving into.



Living Room



Bedroom



Linen Closet

## Staff Retiring

Ray Marsh was hired on 6/8/98 initially as our Director of Self-Sufficiency Programs. In 2001 he was appointed acting Director of Operations following the resignation of the person in that position. In 2004 he was placed in that position on a permanent basis. His title was later changed to Director of Housing Initiatives wherein he has supervised the Family Self-Sufficiency Programs as well as being involved with the relocation process and the tax-credit properties. Because of his previous experience working at HUD for almost 25 years and his extensive knowledge of housing programs, Ray has been a valuable asset to our agency. We appreciate his 12 years of dedicated service to the staff and residents.

Pernell McCoy was hired on 2/20/01 as our Director of Community Services initially to oversee public housing programs and to promote resident services and security programs under the Drug and Crime Elimination Program. When HUD terminated that program grant, Pernell was appointed Acting Director of Housing Management. In 2004 he was placed in that position on a permanent basis wherein he has had supervisory responsibility over the Housing Managers, Senior Services and Security. Because of his extensive education in counseling and social work, his interpersonal skills and compassion for people, Pernell has been a valuable asset to our agency. We appreciate his 9 years of dedicated service to the staff and residents.

We will certainly miss both Ray and Pernell and wish them a happy and healthy retirement.

## Resident Council Quarterly Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff and resident council officers met on July 29, 2010 for their quarterly meeting. Representatives were present from Washington Manor, Lippert Terrace, Jarrett Terrace, Orchard Manor and Littlepage Terrace. Each council representative gave an overview of the activities that had taken place for the quarter and announced any upcoming events including the Night out on Crime plans in their communities. CKHA staff discussed current modernization efforts, the Green Team initiatives, applications for relocation, and NAHRO awards for the Good Housekeeping Program and the administrative building.



Lippert Terrace residents attending the resident council luncheon recognized Charlotte Palmer for all of the work she does at the high-rise. She keeps the common area clean and is always willing to do the little extra things to keep their building looking its best. We appreciate Ms. Palmer and her dedication to the Lippert Terrace community.



The ladies of Lippert Terrace came to the meeting in their red hats to talk about the activities of the group.

## Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Graduate



Dominique Taylor moved into Orchard Manor August 22, 2003. When Dominique moved in she was 20-years-old and a single mother with a one-year-old son, Jaylen. At the age of 13, Dominique was diagnosed with Stargardt's Retinal Dystrophy Disease and had to deal with the fact she would eventually go blind. Because of this news, Dominique decided to settle with being on welfare and receive social security disability.

When she came onto the FSS program she had no real desire to become self-sufficient. She was running with the wrong crowd and thought the world owed her something. After working with her for a couple of years and she began to make changes in her life.

Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator, encouraged her to meet with John Taylor with Goodwill Industries to receive job training. This helped Dominique change her outlook and begin a new life. She went to work with Express Personal Services in 2007 and successfully fulfilled the 1000 hours of temporary work, then became gainfully employed full-time with Rehabilitation Services.

Dominique has totally turned her life around. She has met a good man and they plan to be married. She and her son are moving to Baltimore Maryland to start a new life and continue on her path to self-sufficiency. We Wish Her Well.