



Summer, 2011

C-SCDC UPDATE

"KEEPING YOU INFORMED"

C-SCDC's Weatherization Program Receives Awards

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council's Weatherization Department attended the 2011 Arkansas' Annual Weatherization Assistance Program Conference on July 18—21 in Bentonville with several great sessions being offered.

During Wednesday's luncheon, awards were given to Weatherization Programs that met or exceeded goals. C-SCDC's Weatherization Program took home two awards. One for Production Excellence—for Outstanding performance in unit production with exemplary workmanship and one for Achievement of 100% ARRA Production. Debbie Biggs, C-SCDC Weatherization Director, stated "I have the best team ever, without them we could not achieve all that we do!"



Pictured front: Debbie Biggs, Weatherization Director. Second row left to right: Kathy Allen, Auditor; Jay Barber, Contractor; DeAnna Neal, WX Assistant. Back row left to right: Doug Barber, Contractor and Eddie Powers, Auditor.

2011 Homebuyers Fair



On Saturday, July 29, 2011 Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council's Homeownership and Asset Development Program hosted a Homebuyers Fair at Central Mall. There was a lot of information handed out to potential homebuyers from the various vendor booths which included the Fort Smith Housing Authority; Benefit Bank; Rausch Coleman Homes; Ronald Ragon Homes; Carrington Creek Homes and USDA Rural Development. KISR 93.7 and LaRaza were there doing a live remote. Over 100 door prizes were given away. Participants had to visit all the booths to uncover a phrase which held the K.E.Y. to homeownership, they would then turn in the phrase to get an actual key and then could unlock the door to win a door prize. Great fun was had by all, but more importantly hundreds of people obtained information about how to own their own home.

Knowledge Enables You!

New Community Dental Clinic Facility Nearing Completion



For over five years the hopes of a new Community Dental Clinic has been a dream for the agency and the staff of the clinic, that dream is turning into a reality as the completion is nearing the end. We hope to have the clinic up and running by late October.

Grand Opening C-SCDC Self-Help Housing Office



The Van Buren Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc. on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at the Grand Opening of the C-SCDC Home-ownership and Asset Development Departments Self-Help Housing Program office located at 17A North Plaza, Suite A, in Van Buren. There were many people in attendance C-SCDC Board members, USDA Rural Development, Realtors, Lenders, and Self-Help Participants.

New Faces

Executive Director

Mark Whitmer

Personnel Director

Darlene Hill

Financial Director

Sally Fisher

Homeownership Center

Director

Karen Phillips

Weatherization Director

Debbie Biggs

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I want to express my deep appreciation for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy shown during the time of our loss.

Mark Whitmer

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Mission Statement

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc. is a community action agency whose purpose is to make improvements in the lives of low-income individuals, families and the communities in which they live, so that a greater level of self-sufficient living can be achieved.