



Fall, 2009

C-SCDC UPDATE

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Points of Light Presidential Forum on Service



The Daily Point of Light award, created by President George H. W. Bush in 1989, honors individuals and volunteer groups around the country who are helping to meet critical needs in their communities and creating change every day.

In February of 1992 the Community Dental Clinic a program of Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc., was recognized as the 699th Point of Light.

On Friday, October 16th, Nenya Perry, Community Dental Clinic Director, attended the Presidential Forum on Service commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the vision of a thousand "Points of Light" invoked by President George H. W. Bush in 1989. The 2009 Presidential Forum on Service celebrated the enormous advances of the service movement that started under his initiative and has been sustained through the leadership of Presidents William J. Clinton and George W. Bush. The service movement continues to gain momentum under President Barack Obama with the passage of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act and the United We Serve initiative. The event also celebrated more than 4,500 Daily Point of Light Award winners.

C-SCDC Board Member Ross Robinson Completes 10 Years of Service

On October 22, 2009 the C-SCDC Board of Directors presented Ross Robinson with a plaque in recognition of his ten years of service on the Board. During his tenure he actively participated in discussions for the improvement of C-SCDC and his dedication set an example for all to follow. Ross will be missed



Congressman Boozman Takes C-SCDC Self-Help Housing Tour

On Monday, August 17, 2009, Congressman John Boozman came to Alma, Arkansas to tour a few of C-SCDC's Self-Help housing projects. Karen Phillips, Joe Payton, Mark Whitmer and Tricia Hall were there representing C-SCDC. A recent Self-Help participant, Jennifer Renfro was there as well.

Jennifer gave Congressman Boozman the official tour of her new four bedroom Self-Help home that she will share with her three children. Jennifer was able to do a lot of the work herself, along with the help of family and friends. Jennifer explained to Congressman Boozman how much the Self-Help program had helped her and her family. She is a shining example of how successful this program is for C-SCDC and USDA Rural Development.

After touring Ms. Renfro's home, Congressman Boozman was taken to another site that is owned by Justin and Lisa Brown. The Brown's are a newlywed couple who are just starting out. The homeowners were there to meet and talk with Congressman Boozman then they broke ground. Jamie Scott and Steve Mosher were there representing USDA-Rural Development and were part of the ground breaking ceremony.

Saying goodbye to the Browns, Congressman Boozman, along with USDA Rural Development and C-SCDC staff headed to Greenwood to attend a meeting hosted by Greenwood's Mayor, Kenneth Edwards, Jr. During the luncheon, Congressman Boozman answered several questions about the health care reform. After the Q&A section, Congressman Boozman went on to tell the audience about the benefits of the Self-Help Housing Program and what it means to our area. Steve Mosher, USDA-Rural Development also spoke along with Karen Phillips, C-SCDC.

Congressman Boozman then presented C-SCDC with a check for \$128,700 for the continued success of the Self-Help Housing Program. After Congressman Boozman's presentation, USDA Rural Development presented C-SCDC with an award expressing their appreciation for expedience in administration of the Self-Help Housing Grant Program.



Pictured left to right: Mark Whitmer, C-SCDC Executive Director, Congressman Boozman, Jennifer Renfro and Karen Phillips, C-SCDC Homeownership & Asset Development Center Director.



Pictured left to right: Steve Mosher, (USDA), Congressman Boozman, Jamie Scott, (USDA), Justin Brown, Lisa Brown, Joe Payton, C-SCDC Construction Supervisor and Mark Whitmer, C-SCDC Executive Director.

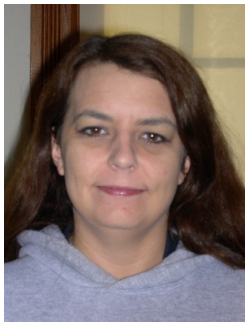
Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is made possible through a partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Arkansas DHS, Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council and the Old Fort Homeless Coalition. Funding of this program was made available through the American Recovery and Re-investment Act (ARRA).

HPRP is focused on housing for homeless and at-risk households. It will provide temporary financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless without this assistance. The funds under this program are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability: (1) individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit (prevention) and (2) individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it (rapid re-housing).



New Faces



Kim Holland
Finance



Ben Selby
Food Bank



Melissa Shelly
Homeownership Center



Alex Harrison
Weatherization



Linda Lamm
HPRP



Michael Fuchtmann
HPRP



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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.